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Christmas Decorating Contest

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce is again this year sponsoring the Christmas Decorating Contest.

Judging will be held Tuesday, Thursday, Dec. 21, so call Janice Goforth at the Chamber, 996-2745 to get in any last minute entries.

New Year's Eve Dance

Pahokee Elks Lodge will be having a New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. with a D.J. Admission is free for Elks members and their guests.

Call the lodge Tuesday through Saturday after 5 p.m. for more information at 561-924-7727.

Flea market

Pahokee Elks Lodge will be having a Flea Market on Jan. 6 and Jan. 13. The tables will rent for \$5 each from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be hot dogs and cokes for sale.

Call the lodge for more details from Tuesday to Saturday after 5 p.m. at 561-924-7727.

"Noche de la Familia"

The first ever Noche de la Familia at the South Florida Fair on Friday, Jan. 19. This event will feature a parade, folkloric performances, entertainment and ethnic foods. Noche de la Familia is a family affair for all to enjoy. The event will also serve as a fundraiser for the Hispanic Chamber of Palm Beach County, an organization dedicated to growing maintaining and increasing the presence of Hispanic owned businesses in Palm Beach County.

The Hispanic Chamber is offering advanced ticket discounts on purchases made before Thursday, Jan. 11. To purchase tickets or for further information, contact 561-832-1868 or email at becp@palmbeachsun.net.

Advanced ticket sales

Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau will be selling advanced tickets to the South Florida Fair now until Jan. 11.

Call us at 561-996-0343 or stop by 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Fri at 3019 State Rd. 15 Suite 5 Belle Glade, across from the Palm Beach County Courthouse.

New Year's Eve Concert

The City of South Bay and Street Beat presents a New Year's Eve Concert featuring Street Beat and other local guests. You are invited to attend for a New Year's Eve Celebration at on Dec. 31 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the City Hall building in South Bay. Bring your own chair.

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Businesses relieved to see 715 bridge open

By Brenda Bunting

Merchants on State Road 715 (Northwest 16th Street) are breathing a sigh of relief this week as the 715 Bridge in Chosen opened without fanfare last Friday after being closed for 10 months.

Many businesses have been affected by the closing, since traffic was re-routed down Avenue L and to State Road 80 to by-pass the construction site.

Rhied White, owner of White's Radio and TV, said his business has been off by about 90 percent since March.

"I never realized how impor-

tant that road was until they closed it. The only business I've had is established customers who went out of their way to get here," said Mr. White.

He attributes other factors to the slowdown in business also, including layoffs in the sugar industry. "However," he says, "it came very, very close to being devastating for me."

"I'm ecstatic it's open," he added.

Margaret Davis, owner of Margaret's Beauty Salon at 417 NW 16th Street, agrees with the sentiment. "I'm grateful it's open. It's the best thing since tea in China," she said.

Mrs. Davis said the hairdress-

ing business relies on a certain amount of walk in traffic, and with the bridge closed, her business was getting very little traffic. "My business was off by about 80 percent," she said.

None have felt the slowdown more than John and Charlotte White, managers of the Drawbridge Cafe on SR 717. The Whites, who lease the facility from the City of Belle Glade, are behind on their rent to the city. They owe over \$4,000 in back rent with interest currently at \$1,039.

Charlotte White said she lost \$200 to \$300 a day in luncheon traffic. "It's been hard," she said. "I'm glad it's open, but I think it's going to take a week or two before

people realize the bridge is open," she said.

The White's attended Monday night's commission meeting to hear what the commission would decide on whether they would give them an extension on paying their past due rent.

Interim City Manager Dave Wood said he has worked out a repayment plan with the Whites which would allow them to get current with their rent by March of 2001. The Whites agree to pay the commission \$2,145 by December 31, 2000. They also agreed to pay \$1,351 in January, and again in February and March, to catch up on past due and current rent charges.

"I know this has been a tough time for them because the bridge was closed," said Mayor D. Bill Mathis, "and we want to work with them."

The commission agreed unanimously to waive the interest owed by the Whites if they adhered to the payment schedule.

Currently, the two side roads off the bridge are still closed on East and West Canal Streets.

FRH Construction Services, Inc., the company who is overseeing the bridge work, has said the side roads will be reopened in mid-January, but work will continue on the side structures of the bridge through June of 2001.

NATIVITY TABLEAU AT NEW HOPE



Children who participate in New Hope Charities after-school program dressed up as Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men, Shepherds and Angels to present a Nativity tableau during the annual Toy Give-Away at the program Friday. Pictured are Miguel Ariza, Lorena Magana, Isaiyah Pugh, Carlos Ruiz, Lizbeth Hernandez, Ruben Ruiz, Obed Figueroa, Justin Jenkins, Jose Jimenez and Christina Delacruz.

Photo/Tracy Whirls

Pahokee's new drug dog expected to 'take a bite out of crime'

By Tracy Whirls

The latest addition to the Pahokee Police Department is expected to take a bite out of crime—figuratively if not literally.

Falco, a five-and-one-half-year-old German Shepherd has been working with Pahokee Police Department Corporal Kim Cesaro in training for the past

couple of months, and will be ready to begin work full time in a couple of weeks, now that the team have been certified and the corporal is finishing up her course work. He has been on the job with his partner for two weeks, getting acclimated to Pahokee.

A dual purpose dog, Falco is trained for patrol, and will protect his handler and other offi-

cers as well as capturing suspects, but his primary mission with the department will be narcotics searches.

In a demonstration for the Pahokee commission and citizens attending the Dec. 12 meeting, Falco demonstrated his talents, finding a box of contraband that had been taped to the bottom of a table and alerting his partner by sitting down. A passive alert dog, trained not to destroy property during a drug search, he is rewarded after successfully locating the contraband with a game of tug-of-war.

Cpl. Cesaro described her new partner as the "perfect" dog, with an extremely high drive when it comes to work, but at the same time sociable and friendly.

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By Tracy Whirls

A citizen's advisory group, charged with developing a request for proposals and a business plan for future development and operation of the Pahokee Marina and Campground expects to present their proposal to the commission by mid-January and to release an RFP by mid-February. The group hopes to have a developer for the revamped campground, marina and city hall complex on board by May.

Self-described as "a very aggressive bunch" the citizen's group is meeting weekly, gathering information about the campground and marina's current operation and traveling around the lake checking out the competition, according to spokesman J.P. Sasser. The group hopes to develop a criteria to judge how the Pahokee Marina and Campground stand against the competition and is compiling information to enable the city to improve the efficiency of the marina and campground's operation, Mr. Sasser said.

Mr. Sasser told the commissioners the record keeping and the computer used at the marina to maintain records are totally inadequate.

"It's such a nightmare over there I think you're going to be totally shocked," Mr. Sasser said. In addition to inadequate record keeping for the campground, Mr. Sasser said the group has been unable to find any records for boaters using slips at the marina.

"You have past due boaters down there who aren't paying rental for their boat slips," Mr. Sasser said. They're just taking their boat down there and leaving it."

To address the inadequate record keeping, the group has received a new computer.

donated by First Community Bank president Larry Stevens, and recommended that the commission purchase "Guest Tracker" software, specifically designed for managing marina reservations, at a cost of \$500.

The group plans to conduct a workshop with city officials in January to review the results of their study.

Mr. Sasser also urged the commission to authorize city manager Ken Schenck to submit the Pahokee Marina and Campground and downtown redevelopment plan, approved by the commission in September, to the Corps of Engineers for their conceptual approval.

Palm Beach County officials have assured members of the advisory group that the different agencies which would be involved in the redevelopment of the marina, campground and city hall complex support the endeavor and are only waiting for the city to submit the plan so that work can begin, Mr. Sasser said.

The group is comprised of Sasser, of Caviner's Body Shop; Pahokee realtor Flady Todd; Joe Alderman, owner of Glades Mercantile; Rev. Eugene Babb; Ted Galloway, a retired banker; Eddie Honeycutt, owner of Video Movies; Rev. Bud Micken; Lynda Moss of Moss Towing; Susan Elliott, computer consultant and chamber volunteer; Palm Beach County Marina Consultant Guy Besting; Palm Beach County Senior Planner Vicki Silver; Western Palm Beach County Tourism Director Don Brown; Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alice Thompson; Pahokee Main Street Coordinator Shirley Jarrell; City Manager Ken Schenck; City Finance Director Steve Baumgartner and Mid-States

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A HUG FOR SANTA



Photo/Brenda Bunting

The Holiday Tour of Homes was a success again this year and the sponsors, Laureate Gayme Zeta Sorority, will be donating the proceeds to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Shown at the Mark and Karen Orsaino home on Wedgwood Road on Friday evening were Graedie York with Santa, Laverne Motes, Linda McMillan and Laura Mae Erlinger.

Pahokee Police Department Corporal Kim Cesaro introduced her new partner, Falco, to city officials and residents at the Pahokee Commission meeting last Tuesday.

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Rest is the best cure for laryngitis

"What's wrong with your voice?" Barry's secretary noticed the deepening tone of her boss' voice this afternoon, and asked about how he felt.

"I don't know. It just started sounding funny and scratchy." Before the end of the workday, words were crackling when Barry tried to speak.

"I hope this doesn't get any worse," Barry said in a nasal, raspy tone. "I'm supposed to present my proposal on the new Suncoast project to the Board tomorrow."

It was to be a very important meeting, a lengthy project that was to culminate in tomorrow's meeting.

He slipped on some warm tea, packed up his briefcase, and headed for home. He would rest the voice tonight, and everything would be fine.

A couple coughs awakened Barry before sunrise. His throat felt raw and scratchy, so he tried to clear it. The whispering squeak that emanated from his mouth caught him by surprise.

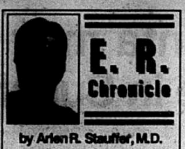
He hurried to the kitchen and drank some orange juice, then ran upstairs and gargled with salt-water.

Barry swallowed hard, coughed in an attempt to clear his throat again, and then tried to speak.

Nothing but a raspy whisper. "I gotta get help!" Barry thought. It was 5:30 A.M., just three hours before his big meeting. Barry headed for the ER.

"Yes, Sir. What can we do for you this morning?" Phil asked. He had spent the night at the triage desk in the Emergency Hospital ER, and had been relaxing for the past hour since the action at his desk had quieted.

"I gotta get better," Barry answered in a hissing whisper. "Laryngitis?" Phil asked as



by Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

he placed the temperature probe in Barry's ear.

Barry shrugged his shoulders, and didn't try to squeeze out any words. He was escorted to ER Bed 4.

"Good morning, Sir," Emergency Physician Tammy Cortez extended her hand as she entered Barry's room.

"Just yesterday," Barry replied. "I have a big meeting this forenoon, and I need to be able to talk."

Barry frowned, and Cortez raised her eyebrows in an "uh-huh, yeah, right" fashion. Cortez asked several questions concerning Barry's symptoms, discovering his mild cough and runny nose. He told her that he had no prior significant medical illnesses.

"Is your throat sore, too?" "No, not really, Doc."

"OK. Let me see in there," Cortez approached with her light and wooden tongue depressor.

She visualized his throat and ears, and then listened to several deep breaths with her stethoscope. Cortez stepped back.

"Barry, it seems that you have an upper respiratory infection. Almost all of these are viral infections."

"This wasn't what Barry wanted to hear."

"But, what are you saying, Doc?" "Well, if it's a respiratory virus, I can't really make it get

better any faster. Antibiotics won't help."

"But what about my voice?" he whispered.

"I'm afraid that it probably won't be better in the next couple days, and certainly not today."

Barry frowned and held both thumbs up in a gesture for help.

"I can give you some suggestions for treating the symptoms, Barry, but this will probably take three or four days to run its course."

Cortez noticed the pained look on Barry's face. His head dropped forward, and he sighed.

"But, my meeting..." "I'm sorry, Barry. You really won't be able to do much talk today. In fact, some doctors feel that resting the voice may help it recover sooner."

Barry closed his eyes briefly, then shot a frustrated glance at the doctor as she walked back toward her desk. He wasn't angry at her, but the timing of his misfortune certainly annoyed him.

Barry headed for the office.

There are hundreds of viruses that cause various infections of the upper respiratory tract. These include infections in the nose, throat, sinuses, larynx, trachea, or bronchi. The common symptoms include congestion, cough, fever, voice changes, muscle aches and fatigue.

Many medicines purport to improve the symptoms of upper respiratory infection, but antibiotics - which are effective against bacterial but not viral infections - do not help.

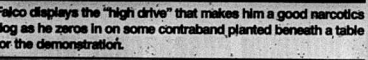
Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

and a second job with Palm Beach County Animal Control for the opportunity to work as the department's canine officer.

"I've been training dogs all my life," Cpl. Cesaro said. "I worked ten years for a vet, assisting with dogs, and have another dog, Dzyg, who's certified in search and rescue."

The corporal said working as a canine officer requires a lot of personal sacrifice.

"A dog's not a weapon you can just pull out of a holster when you need it," Cpl. Cesaro said. "I spend 18 hours a day with the dog. It's a daily thing, he has to be cared for and trained. It's a lot of personal sacrifice, but it's worth it."



Falcon displays the "high drive" that makes him a good narcotics dog as he zeros in on some contraband planted beneath a table for the demonstration.

Marina

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Navigation's Nick Chipman. In a related matter, Mr. Schenck reported that the company the city had contracted with to purchase a prefabricated building to replace the existing bait stand at the marina has been unable to locate a trucking company willing to transport the building over the Herbert Hoover Dike. Mr. Schenck said the city could contract with an architect to design and build the building, for an estimated cost of \$70,000-\$90,000.

Saying Mr. Schenck was "about to put the cart before the horse," Commissioner Hugh Branch noted that the existing building has been in place for ten years and suggested that the city "sweat out another ten months" with the existing building, to determine whether or not a prefab building would meet the specifications of the redevelopment plan.

Commissioner Henry Crawford said the existing bait stand is "falling down around our ears," and creates a liability risk for the city, should someone get hurt. The city has \$240,000 in grant funding earmarked for improvements at the campground and marina.

Mr. Schenck said he would visit the company manufacturing the buildings and report back to the commission at their next meeting, Jan. 9.

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enough to be introduced to children in local schools.

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Try out for Jubilee 2001
The local entertainment committee for the Black Gold Jubilee is seeking local talent for Jubilee 2001, scheduled to take place on April 28.

Individuals or groups who would like to audition for Jubilee 2001 should contact Maria Busbee at 996-6581, extension 106, or Barbara Milligan at 996-4840.

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Glades Boys and Girls Clubs Winter Camp

The Glades Boys and Girls Clubs Winter Camp will be open to all students age 5 through 18. The Winter Camps will be held on January 2 to 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Belle Glade Teen, Club Canal Pointe. The fee for each child is \$10. Lunch will be served daily for \$3 and includes kids meal and snack or members may bring their own lunch.

Come One! Come All! Watch Night Service

We welcome you to share with us in our services as we praise and worship Christ all night long as we witness the Old Year out and the New Year in.

We will be serving donuts and coffee while we sing and praise our Lord. Along with a hearty breakfast after the services are over.

What better way to end the year with friends and loved ones.

Newman promoted to Assistant VP

Lisa Newman was promoted to Assistant Vice President at the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Belle Glade.

Lisa has been working for the Bank since 1987. She has worked at several positions within the Bank including teller, bookkeeper, customer service representative, loan clerk, and Executive Secretary. Lisa's current position is Loan Administrator.

President Stephen M. Prioleony was quoted as saying, "Lisa's experience, business savvy and her attention to detail makes her

Some field trips schedule for Winter Camp include: Regal Theatre on Wednesday, Jan. 3; Palace Skateway on Thursday, Jan. 4; Chuck E. Cheese on Friday, Jan. 5. Each trip is \$7.50. All trips include lunch. Trips must be paid in advance. A 24 hour advance notice is required for cancellation.

Basketball registration

The City of Pahokee Parks & Recreation Department will be conducting basketball registration for kids (boys and girls) - ages 8 to 15 years of age at the City of Pahokee recreational complex. The registration dates are: Dec. 23 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$25. League play begins in January, for additional information you can call Ron Osborne at (561) 924-2972.

Peppi accepting applications for enrollment

Peppi Head Start is now accepting applications for 3 and 4 year olds. Peppi Head Start offers free full day child care and welcomes children with disabilities.

To apply, visit the Peppi office located at 200 Southwest 9th Street, Belle Glade or call (561) 996-1718.

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Periodontal or gum disease is one of the main reasons adults lose their teeth. Gum disease is mainly caused by a bacterial film (plaque) that forms continuously on the teeth. Many adults don't realize they have gum disease because it is usually painless until it becomes advanced. Advanced signs of gum disease include: bleeding gums after brushing,

persistent bad breath, loose, teeth, and swollen gums to name a few. As we age, the composition of our saliva changes - usually, slightly thicker due to medications or changes in our diets and habits (e.g. smoking, alcoholic beverages). An increase in plaque and tartar often occurs. Professional dental cleanings at least 2-4 times (depending upon the severity of gum disease) a year will reduce the damage to your gums.

We are not immune to cavities as we age. Cavity-forming acids from carbohydrates, bacteria and thicker saliva team up to attack sensitive roots exposed by receding gums. Seniors should get their cavities filled as soon as possible to avoid further damage to the teeth, brush at least 2 to 3 times a day with a soft toothbrush, and consider a mouth rinse containing fluoride (to strengthen teeth against cavities).

Seniors who have worn partial or full dentures for several years and find that they do not fit properly should be evaluated by a dentist. In many cases, the ridge of

the jaws under the denture become flattened. Loose, ill-fitting dentures shake speaking and eating difficult, and may make the face look sunken or not well supported. You may find that you need more adhesive to keep the denture in place. Your dentist can usually fix the problem with a procedure called "relining," however, new dentures should be made every 5 to 7 years, or whenever the dentures are not being worn comfortably. In some cases, dental implants are used to stabilize dentures.

Just keep in mind that your teeth, if well cared for, will serve you with good function, nutrition and enhance your personality. All contributors to a good quality of life - and to keeping teeth for a lifetime.

Dr. Ford is a general dentist who welcomes your comments and concerns. Dr. Ford is located at 124 SW 1st St. in Belle Glade, across from Gilbert's Jewelers. Dr. Ford's phone number is 924-987-1111. Call today for an appointment.

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Regarding Christmas party for the "snowbirds"

"In regards to the Christmas party for the "snowbirds" at the marina. Give me a break. These people can't afford their own party. They live in Florida during the winter, up north the rest of the time. Most people can't do that. At least we have two commissioners that are thinking about "us" taxpayers. Thank you Mr. Garrett and Mr. Wilson. Keep up the good work. There is just no explaining how one can even justify this expense. By the way, what other perks are given to them that we need to know about?"

Congratulations to the Raiders

"Congratulations to the Glades Central Raiders on winning their third consecutive State Football Championship. Your consolidated "team effort" is an example of the success that can be achieved when people work together for positive outcomes. Principal Manning is to be commended for hiring not only excellent classroom teachers to assist in raising the academic standards at Glades Central but also in appointing Coaches Bueno, Killets, and Landing to the Varsity Football Team. These gentlemen, along with the rest of the coaching staff, have proved to be effective leaders in maintaining control of the student athletes on and off the playing field. They were also never "out-coached" in any pressure situations, particularly against Cardinal Newman or Rockledge.

It is this writer's opinion that Principal Manning, and Coaches Bueno, Killets, and Landing deserve public apologies from some members of this community who vehemently opposed the decisions regarding who should be Glades Central's football coaches for 2000. Citizen groups such as A.C.T.I.O.N., who offer forums like the one on Aug. 10, 2000 where Mr. Manning was bombarded with antagonistic questions regarding his decisions, should work to promote the most positive outcomes for ALL citizens of Belle Glade, not just certain segments of our community's population. The prevalent attitude of the speakers on the evening (Aug. 10) that just because a person attended a private school or has a parent in the District Office he is not worthy of coaching the Raiders is obsolete in an era when we are all asked not to judge people by our past backgrounds, but rather by the merits of our present work ethics and accomplishments.

Congratulations, once again, to the entire Glades Central TEAM, (administration, faculty, students and staff) for another fantastic football season culminating in the 2000 State Championship. We are all looking forward to 2001."

Responding to the "A letter from Satan" flyer

"I shall begin by saying that a teacher does not allow or disallow religious groups to pass out flyers. We are still in a country that was built on a foundation of Christianity and still we reserve the right to tell others about this wonderful and merciful God. Just as you reserve the right not to accept such literature or not to read such literature. And yet he loves you."

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UF Professor: Santa may arrive by boat or at the cape in Sunshine State

By Cathy Keen
UF News

Newcomers to the Sunshine State may pine for the snow and mistletoe of a northern Christmas, but Florida's warm weather version is probably closer to the original holiday in Bethlehem, says a University of Florida professor.

"If one thinks only of icicles and the North Pole, then the terms Christmas and Florida might not seem compatible," said Kevin McCarthy, a UF English professor. "But if one conjures up images of families celebrating the birth of Christ in religious houses of worship, lightning Advent wreaths, exchanging gifts and enjoying ethnic foods, the two definitely go together."

"Add golf, tennis, fishing or swimming, and shorts and sunglasses instead of earmuffs and several layers of clothing - then you have the best of two worlds: the warmth of both the holiday and the sun," he said.

In a new book "Christmas in Florida," Dr. McCarthy describes how the holiday has been celebrated during the last 400 years in a state better known for its alligators and citrus than its turkey and eggnog.

"Florida still retains its idiosyncratic ways of celebrating the season - for example, by having Santa arrive by boat and even seaplane, instead of by sleigh," Dr. McCarthy said. At least 25 Florida communities feature festive holiday boat parades, he said.

Perhaps Florida's traditions began in 1539 when the first Christmas Mass in America was celebrated in what is now Tallahassee, about a half mile from today's Capitol building. Dr. McCarthy said, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his soldiers gathered around 12 Catholic priests who had

accompanied the expedition that winter from Tampa Bay, he said.

Another important event in state history to fall on Christmas occurred in 1837, when federal troops led by Colonel and future President Zachary Taylor defeated 400 Seminole near Lake Okechobee in the largest and one of the most important battles of the Second Seminole War, he said.

A yuletide season during the Prohibition Era took on different spirits for many coastal residents near Daytona Beach. Dr. McCarthy said. Hundreds - possibly thousands - of boxes of contraband whiskey washed ashore from a two-mastered schooner that sank in a strong storm on Christmas Day 1925, he said.

"For weeks afterward, beach goers scanned the horizon for some telltale sign that another box of whiskey was making its way towards shore," he said.

Farther north, in Jacksonville in 1992, Christmas shoppers whose parking meters had expired were pleasantly surprised to return to their cars and find an orange slip of paper with the following poem on their windshields instead of a citation: "Tis the week before Christmas and all thru the city: People are shopping, so we will take pity: No tickets today - we will not cite: Merry Christmas to all and to a good night."

This holiday gesture of goodwill - police showing leniency to minor lawbreakers - reflects an old practice of allowing debtors to skip payment due on Christmas Day," he said. "I'm sure it makes sense to the lender, as the Christmas spirit doesn't last all year long."

In another show of generosity,

ty, officials at the Kennedy Space Center have made the shuttle landing sites available, since it opened in the 1970s, for emergency landings by Santa Claus, Dr. McCarthy said. "The 15,000-foot-long, 300-foot-wide landing strip could provide a welcome haven for Santa in the event of reinder problems or mechanical difficulties with his new, high-tech sleighs," he said.

The post office in the unincorporated Central Florida town of Christmas on State Road 50, named for nearby Port Christmas, gets into the holiday spirit by postmarking more than 250,000 pieces of

mail each year with a special Christmas tree seal. Dr. McCarthy said. The tradition began in the 1930s, and today the post office receives mail from people across the country who want it to bear the town's fitting postmark, he said.

Florida incorporates its sunny Southern style into Christmas festivities," he said. "Although the state is not known for picturesque white Christmas, countless residents and visitors have found ways to adapt holiday traditions to the waterways of South Florida, citrus groves in Central Florida, pine trees of north Florida and beaches of the Panhandle."



Vitamin B12 deficiency can lead to concentration problems, memory loss

Feeling a little "out of sorts" lately? Are you tired and shaky? Is it hard to concentrate?

It may not just be holiday burnout.

It could be a vitamin deficiency.

According to an article published Dec. 4 on the HealthCentral website, vitamin B12 deficiency is surprisingly common in this country.

Vitamin B12 is found in meat, poultry, milk, eggs and shellfish. The human body needs B12 to make red blood cells and to properly maintain the central nervous system.

The symptoms of B12 deficiency can include numbness or tingling in the hands and feet, instability, hair loss, mental confusion and short-term memory loss. It can also contribute to depression.

Sufferers may feel unsteady on their feet and have trouble remembering things. The symptoms of the vitamin deficiency are often mistaken for Alzheimer's or just the effects of the aging process.

While vegetarians are the largest group at risk of B12

Healthy Living

with Katrina Elsen

deficiency, folks who consume B12 rich foods may still be at risk.

Older folks who have trouble digesting food properly may be at risk. As a person ages, his stomach may become less acidic, and may also stop producing a substance which helps the body absorb B12.

Some medications interfere with the body's ability to properly absorb the vitamin.

For example, the antibiotic tetracycline can interfere with B12 absorption. In one example cited on the HealthCentral website, a woman who had been taking tetracycline for a skin condition for a number of years discovered she had developed a B12 deficiency.

Other medications that can interfere with the body's ability to absorb B12 include strong acid-suppressing medications such as Acipex, Prevacid, Pepsace, Protonix.

According to HealthCentral, the diabetes medicine Glucophage (metformin) can also lead to problems with vitamin B12. Potassium supplements such as Slow-K, Micro-K, Kaon CL, K-Tab and Klor-Con can also affect B12 levels.

If you think you may have a vitamin deficiency, consult your doctor. Tests are available that can determine whether or not a deficiency exists. Just taking vitamin supplements or eating more meat may not help. If you are on a medication that is preventing your body from properly absorbing the vitamin, your doctor may have to change your other medications. Or, your doctor may prescribe B12 in shot form or taken through a nasal inhaler. These options are sometimes necessary for older folks whose stomachs will no longer absorb the vitamin properly due to digestive problems.

Also in the news this week is a warning for pregnant mothers: Drink your milk.

Pregnant women who do not consume enough calcium-rich foods run the risk of bone loss. A pregnant woman's body will take calcium from her bones, if necessary, for the developing baby. This poses a danger both to the mother and the child. If the mother has ever been exposed to toxic substances, there may be residue in her bones. If her body has to take calcium from her bones for the baby, that can expose the baby to those toxins as well. If you can't drink milk, you can increase consumption of other calcium rich foods or ask your doctor if you need a calcium supplement.

Before making any changes to your diet or exercise program, consult your doctor. This is especially important if you are on prescription medications. Some drugs interact badly with foods that would otherwise be considered healthy.

Northern Florida lightning researcher may "strike" a record

Martin Uman may have discovered the world's longest lightning. A fulgurite, which looks like a glass tree root, is a product of lightning. It is created when lightning travels through the ground melting the soil along its path.

It's no surprise that it was Martin Uman who found the 17-foot-long fulgurite. After all, Uman probably knows more about lightning and its associated by-products than any other person in the world.

Since ancient times, man has been awed and fascinated with lightning's splendor and power. The early Greeks, for example, associated the lightning bolt with their most powerful god, Zeus.

Today, the superstitions surrounding lightning have long been eliminated. Still, our understanding of these electrical phenomena is not complete. Lightning remains Florida's deadliest weather danger. Each year, more people are injured and killed by lightning than any other type of weather.

For the past 35 years, Martin

Uman has been trying to increase our understanding of lightning. His work began at the Westinghouse Research Labs in Pittsburgh shortly after an airplane crashed due to lightning.

"The FAA was providing lots of money to study lightning," Uman said. "Westinghouse basically turned me loose to do lightning research. I did almost nothing else for the next seven years, including writing two books on the subject."

The plane crash turned out to be the first in a series of significant accidents that fueled lightning research. The best known of these incidents was Apollo 12, which was struck twice by lightning on ascent.

NASA assembled a team to work on rocket-induced lightning and lightning detection. Uman found himself spending

his summers at the Kennedy Space Center, home to the space program and more lightning than he had ever witnessed before.

"One summer when I was down here, the thought of going back to Pittsburgh for the winter was odious," Uman said. "I called people at different schools and came to the University of Florida in 1971."

Today, Uman is the head of the International Center for Lightning Testing and Research located at Cape Blanding in northern Florida. The center combines the efforts of the University of Florida, the Electric Power Research Institute and the Florida National Guard to study lightning.

"Half the work we do at Cape Blanding is basic research and half is testing for agencies and industries," Uman said. Other research includes lightning strikes, lightning protection and the effect of lightning on extended systems such as overhead power lines and buried power cables.

Uman is probably best known for the creation of the National Lightning Detection Network. The network provides a computerized display of lightning strikes as they happen. "Now, anyone can turn on a home computer and see when lightning is striking around the country," said Uman.

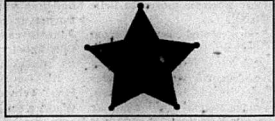
The FAA uses the network to decide where to safely send airplanes. The National Weather Service, electrical utilities and even NASA employ the network to monitor thunderstorms.

Still, Uman is not one to rest on his accomplishments. Uman's team is currently investigating what effect lightning has on airport runway lights.

There are then the fulgurites. The 17-foot-long fulgurite he recently discovered might be a world record. If it is confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records, it would be the longest accomplishment for the world's premier expert on lightning.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist at WPBF-TV

Arrest Blotter



Belle Glade
The Belle Glade Police Department handled 589 calls, issued 27 traffic citations and made 31 arrests the week of Dec. 11 - Dec. 17. Those arrested included:
Dec. 11 - Leroy Alexander, 33, oppose and obstruct police officer; Milton Smith, 22, battery on law enforcement officer, resist arrest with violence; Betsy Nurse, 43, felony domestic battery
Dec. 12 - Andrew Washington Jr., 35, domestic battery (warrant); Juvenile, 13, aggravated assault with a weapon; Juvenile, 16, corruption by threat (warrant), assault on a school employee (warrant), disrupting a school function (warrant); Dorothy Williams Freeman, 50, retail theft; Masedonta Allen, 33, resist officer without violence
Dec. 13 - Freddie Lee Monroe Jr., 20, grand theft auto, petit theft; Travis Stintell Brown, 20, grand theft auto; Willie Charles Williams, 23, grand theft auto; Rogelio Martinez, 24, grand theft auto; Clyde Wilcher, 20, grand theft auto; Trina Latorre, 23, felony criminal mischief; Richard Hart, 56, loitering and prowling; Michelle Williams, 31, failure to appear (retail theft), failure to appear (possession of narcotic paraphernalia), failure to appear (retail theft); Mycherland Currier, 20, obstruction of officer; Hilton McCain, 28, violation of probation, battery, retail theft
Dec. 14 - Juvenile, 16, failure to appear (retail theft); Horatio Cordova, 25, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, driving under the influence, resist officer without violence
Dec. 15 - Corey Burroughs, 31, robbery, grand theft, possession of cocaine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Juvenile, 17, retail theft
Dec. 16 - Leharion Johnson, 21, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, resist officer without violence; Adrian Trevino, 18, failure to appear (violation of park hours); David Trevino, 22, felony domestic battery; Ronnie Booth, 22, domestic battery; Kenneth Brown, 48, no occupational license
Dec. 17 - Barbara Key, 40, failure to appear (domestic battery), violation of court order (no contact); Eric Sanchez, 22, unauthorized possession of identification card; Mitchell Leontus, 28, domestic battery

Pahokee
The Pahokee Police Department handled 207 calls, issued 27 traffic citations and made 7 arrests the week of Dec. 11 - Dec. 17. Those arrested included:
Dec. 11 - Gregory White, 18, carrying a concealed weapon
Dec. 12 - Jesus Loreda, 42, domestic assault, possession of marijuana under 20 grams
Dec. 13 - Samuel Spencer, 48, possession of marijuana under 20 grams
Dec. 14 - Juvenile, 14, robbery, petit theft
Dec. 15 - No arrests
Dec. 16 - Glenda Diamond, 37, aggravated battery, battery disorderly intoxication
Dec. 17 - Manuel Chavez, 38, aggravated assault; Molly Wetherington, 41, possession of cocaine; obstruction by disguised person, resisting arrest without violence, escape

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District 5, made 22 arrests the week of Dec. 11-Dec. 18. Those arrested included:
Dec. 11 - Elioya W. Hickman, 30, Pahokee, contempt of court, throwing a deadly missile into a vehicle; Juvenile, 14, Belle Glade, domestic battery
Dec. 12 - Michael Jackson, 34, Belle Glade, warrant; Barbara Cornelius, 38, Pahokee, warrant; Debra Ann Dawson, 40, Belle Glade, grand theft auto
Dec. 13 - Juvenile, 16, Belle Glade, possession of marijuana under 20 grams
Dec. 14 - Willie James Jones Jr., 19, Pahokee, domestic battery; Dewra Sharat Smith, 20, Belle Glade, violation of probation battery; Donald Levern Hill, 26, Miami, warrant; grand theft worthless checks violation of probation; Louis L. Robinson, 25, West Palm Beach, burglary to occupied dwelling, petit theft; Roger Fountain, Jr., 23, Belle Glade, petty larceny and trespassing; Wesley Ray Dorie, 23, Belle Glade, petty larceny and trespassing
Dec. 15 - No arrests
Dec. 16 - Andre Gene Witherspoon, 22, Riviera Beach, introduction of contraband into state correctional facility
Dec. 17 - Jose Valdez, 48, Clewiston, possession of cocaine; Wendall Baldwin, 22, Belle Glade, sale of cocaine; Heano Beauge, 25, Belle Glade, possession of marijuana under 20 grams
Dec. 18 - Luca Mammot, 18, Belle Glade, warrant; Arthur L. Monroe, 36, Belle Glade, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Julio Roselo, 18, Belle Glade, possession of paraphernalia; Lashunda Donaldson, 22, Belle Glade, violation of probation; Shirley Joachim, a.k.a. Sheryl Donaldson, 19, Belle Glade, failure to appear worthless check; Juvenile, 13, Belle Glade, criminal mischief

Correction:
An item in the Dec. 10 arrest log was incorrect. Lawatis Marcelvern, 21, of Pahokee was not arrested. We regret the error.



Robert Lee Holmes

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County Inc. is asking citizens to help locate Robert Lee Holmes, who is wanted for failure to appear/depriving officer means of protection or communication; battery on a police officer; resisting arrest with violence; depriving officer means of protection or communication.
Holmes is a black male, 6' and weighs 185 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His date of birth is October 10, 1965. Holmes' last known address was 2703 Palm Glade Drive, Belle Glade.
Holmes' warrant was active as of December 8, 2000.
If you know the whereabouts of Robert Lee Holmes, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TPS. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.

GCI GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



The Miracle by Faith Christian Community School received four new computers for their students, just in time for the holidays. Thanks to Warden Willie Floyd, Sr., of Glades Correctional Institution, the electronics class and Mr. Paul Tob, electronics instructor at GCI, the children will be introduced to the wonderful world of computers. Pictured are Bishop Barry Humphrey and Patricia Haslem with the computers from GCI. Mrs. Haslem said, "Warden Floyd is the epitome of a true leader, he has a heart of gold." Bishop Humphrey, long time Glades resident and pastor said, "When God gave me the vision for this school, he knew that people like Warden Floyd would come along to help. I would like to thank Warden Floyd and his staff."

Community Foundation Scholarship Directory — A must read this holiday

Parents of high school seniors might want to spend a little holiday-season quality time with their children and a copy of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties' 2000-2001 Scholarship Directory.
The new edition of the directory lists more than 325 scholarships, including 61 offered by the Community Foundation itself and others, awarded by local high schools, colleges, universities, clubs and service organizations, government agencies, foundations and other sources. The majority of these scholarships are targeted to graduating high school seniors, although some are available to adults returning to college.
The directory can be found in high school guidance counselors' offices throughout Palm Beach and Martin counties and is available for purchase by individual students for \$10 (in person) or \$12 (by mail, including postage and handling). To order a Scholarship Directory, call the Community Foundation at (561) 659-6800 or toll-free in Florida at 1-888-853-GIFT (4438). Orders also can be placed via e-mail from the Community Foundation's web site at www.yourcommunity-foundation.org.
Publication of the directory is supported by the Briggs-Trimbale Family Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation.
The deadline to apply for assistance through the Community Foundations 2000-2001 scholarship program is March 1, 2001. For an application, call Carolyn Jenco at the Community Foundation, send e-mail to clenco@cfpb.org or contact your high school guidance counselor.

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In addition, please bring the following items, issued prior to January 1, 2001, which apply to you:

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2. Florida vehicle registration
3. Florida voters' registration
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THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU:

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Please call or visit the office nearest you (listed above) for further information.

The Main Office at 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach will be open at 7:30 a.m. for filing exemptions from January 2 through March 1, 2001

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Obituaries

Mary Sue Woodham

Mary Sue Woodham, 72, of Ashford, Ala., formerly of Belle Glade, died Monday morning, Dec. 18, 2000 at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Woodham was born and reared in the Oakley Grove Community of Henry County, Ala., the daughter of the late Charlie and Lannie White Moring. She was a graduate of Abbeville High School. Mrs. Woodham lived in Belle Glade for 40 years before moving to Ashford in 1984. While living in Belle Glade she and her husband owned and operated Woodham's Market for a number of years. Mrs. Woodham

was a member of Bluff Springs Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ted Moring, Rufus Moring and Kenneth Moring.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Jerome Woodham of Ashford; daughter Susan Diane Grotha and her husband, Jim Grotha of Deland; son, Gregory Jerome Woodham of Ashford; a sister, Pauline Bostick of Newville, Ala.; two brothers, Bobby Moring of Columbus, Ga. and Louie Moring of Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 in the Holman-Headland Mortuary Chapel, Headland.

Ala., with Rev. Barry Holcomb officiating. Burial will follow in the Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery near Ozark, Ala. Active, casketbearers will be David Joyce, Dr. Jim Bostick, Ben Bostick, George Phillips, Olen Grantham and Andrew Lott.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bluff Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, 1900 Bluff Springs Road, Ashford, Ala. 36312.

Ozbie L. "O. L." Motes

Ozbie L. "O. L." Motes, 84, of Belle Glade passed away Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000 in Clewiston.

Mr. Motes was born Feb. 4, 1916 in Phil Campbell, Ala. He moved to Hamilton, Miss. at an early age where he lived until

1957 when he moved to Belle Glade.

Mr. Motes retired from Okealanta in the early 70s but came out of retirement to work as a security guard at Glades Sugar House for several years. During his early retirement, he often drove for the local GM dealer. Mr. Motes was well known for his "love of new cars" and those who knew him teased him for "trading cars as soon as the ashtay got full."

Mr. Motes was a member of the Belle Glade Church of Christ where he worshipped until his health prevented him from attending services. He was also a member of the Belle Glade American Legion and a World War II veteran who had served in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Robbie Lucille Burnett in 1955, a grandson, John Rives, a step grandson, Billy Webster and a stepdaughter, Sarah Wingate.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Webster Motes of Belle Glade; a son, Walter Motes and wife Exie Lee of Hamilton, Miss.; three daughters, Jane Dammel and husband Falvy of Jasper, Texas, Sara Rives and fiancé, S. T. Thigpen of Clewiston and Linda Lee of Belle Glade; two stepchildren George Webster and wife Nellie of Belle Glade and Kathryn McCormick of Lake City.

Mr. Motes is also survived by 16 grandchildren, Raymond Dammel of Houston, Denise Roberts of Alexandria, La., Ricky and Randy Motes of Hamilton, Miss., Patty McLeod of Lake Harbor, Wanda Carter

and Susan Dippel of Clewiston, Anne Lee of Belle Glade and step-grandchildren Cheryl Patton of Miami, Bennie Wingate of Royal Palm, Earl Joe and Pat McCormick and Kay McCormick. Mr. Motes also left behind 35 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 15 in the Chapel of Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Belle Glade Church of Christ with Rev. Robert Bauer officiating. Interment followed at Fort Mayaca Cemetery, Canal Point.

Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BIRTHDAY GIRLS



Several people were presented a birthday cake at the December meeting of the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Board meeting. Celebrating birthdays in December are: Center Director Leigh Woodham (seated) and (left to right) Office Assistant Jackie Owens, Dolly Hand and Palm Beach Community College Provost Dr. Helen Franke.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Photo/Tracy White

Members of New Hope Charities chorus performed traditional Christmas carols for the children, parents and volunteers who participated in the migrant program's annual Christmas toy-giveaway last Friday. Pictured are Aralina Castellanos, Aramaley Castellanos, Willie Castellanos, Diego Caballero, Vanessa Caballero, Karina Campos, Jose Zavaia, Savannah Hull, Deneva Williams, Everado Ortiz, Anthony Peterkin, Andrea Peterkin and volunteer Luz Torres.

TAKE A BOW



Cast members from the Nutcracker take a bow after the Dec. 12 sold-out performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Several local children were members of the cast.

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Sports

Glades Central Raiders bring fifth state championship title to Belle Glade

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Glades Central Raiders fulfilled their goal of bringing home the state 3A championship title on Friday as they defeated Astronaut 20-10. Glades Central was the only football team in the area to go all the way this year. This was the school's seventh state championship game appearance, fourth consecutive championship appearance, fifth championship win, third consecutive championship win, thirty-fifth consecutive victory, third consecutive undefeated season, fortieth playoff win and fifty-fourth playoff appearance—all state records. The Raiders are quickly reaching legendary status.

The game began slow, one of the slower games for the Raiders this season. Both teams appeared to be feeling each other out, watching for weaknesses and attempting to apply different methods for winning. They had both watched videotapes of each other in action and were ready for the challenge.

Both teams went scoreless for the first quarter of the game. They would again reach a standstill during the third.

In the second quarter the Raiders' Joseph Chapple caught a 10-yard pass from quarterback Curtis Holley to score the first touchdown of the game. Astronaut quickly took the opportunity to kick a 45-yard field goal for three points narrowing Central's lead to 6-3. Astronaut scored again eight seconds into the fourth quarter to gain the lead by 4 points.

Curtis Holley connected again in the final quarter with a 29-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Antonio Holmes.

With only 29 seconds remaining in the game, Michael Brown ran 39 yards into the end zone for the last touchdown of the game, securing Glades Central's championship title and ending the 2000 Glades Central Raiders High School Varsity Football Season.

Michael Brown went for 132 yards on 20 carries; Holley completed 11 of 23 passes for 179 yards with two touchdowns and was named Glades Central's Most Valuable Player of the game. Holley was intercepted once during the game.

"Astronaut was a very good football team. You don't get to the state championships unless you're very good and they were," commented Coach Bueno. "We knew they were going to be good. Our kids just went out and we played real hard four quarters and were fortunate enough to win."

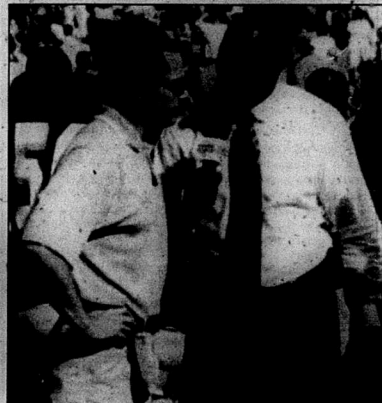
The Glades Central Raiders overcame a myriad of obstacles and confrontations this year. Before the season began, the Raiders lost their head coach



Big "A's" Offensive Player of the Week Michael Brown drove in for the final touchdown increasing the Raiders' score 20-10.



Mr. and Mrs. Seider accept gold for Jyron Seider, their son. The Raiders dedicated their season in Jyron's memory.



Head Coach Willie Bueno speaks to a news reporter minutes after leading the Raiders to their third consecutive state championship.



Big "A's" Cheerleaders of the Week

Odester "Mickey" Freeman after a disagreement between the coach and the school's principal arose regarding the placement of new coaches. Later on in the year, the Raiders were faced with tragedy. One of the players from the team, Jyron Seider, was shot and killed on Martin Luther King Boulevard late one Friday night over a dice game. The future of the team seemed shaky both times. Would a new coach be able to lead the team to victory? Would teammates be able to deal with the death of one of their own? Bringing home the title on Friday provided the Raiders with a symbolic answer to these questions. Yes, the Raiders could come out on top and yes, they could bring home the gold. And for loyal Raider fans, the

outcome was never in doubt. Even the Glades Day Gators came out to salute the Raiders for their magnificent efforts during one of the home games.

One of the greatest records Glades Central reached was 35 consecutive victories. This confirms the coaches' ability to lead the team to the colossal achievement. Although Glades Central holds the fourth longest winning streak in Florida High School history, the team hasn't had enough time to dwell on the fact. "It's a great accomplishment. We really don't talk a whole lot about that. We just go out and prepare every week for the opposing teams. We can't get all caught up in the streak. You just go out and just play every game," said Coach Bueno. Glades Central also became

only the sixth team to win back to back to back state championships.

And, as for tragedy, Jyron Seider's death affected the team, but not negatively. Coach Bueno remembers the impact. "I don't ever think they felt like quitting. I think it was a very difficult situation for all these kids to kind of deal with, but you know, they made a commitment to each other that they were gonna dedicate this season to him. If anything can be a positive from that, I think it was a positive, in fact it kept them together and brought them closer."

When asked what he thought of his first season as Head Coach, Coach Bueno responded, "I have to say it was a very satisfying season."



State champs. We did it 3 times from the muck to the swamp and back to the muck 2000.



Antonio Holmes, Rev. Collins and D'Juan Brown sit down and begin chanting, "How sweet it is."

Pahokee Chamber announces Christmas decoration winners

Directors of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce toured the community Monday evening, Dec. 18, taking note of the many homes, businesses, churches, boats and campers which took part in the annual Christmas decorating contest. They traveled over 37 miles in approximately three hours and were delighted with the beautiful decorations. Judging was made difficult because of the many wonderful and creative displays. A tremendous amount of work and

money was involved. Particular attention and credit is due to the many volunteers who participated in the Julian Branch Festival of Lights, Pahokee Main Street and City of Pahokee for the wonderful "Winter Wonderland" in the entire downtown area. The winners of this year's decorating contest are as follows:

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Carol's Hair Barn, 2291 E. Main Street; Best Street: Pahokee Circle; Most Unique: Henry Doris Parker, 871 Palm Blvd.; Best Camper: Scotty and Marie Abord; Site #30; Best Yacht: Bobby and Sharon Allred; "Dream - Catcher"; Best Christmas Spirit: Bobby and

Ethel Kennedy, 1596 Boone Ave.; Best Mobile Home: Leroy and Velma Kelly, McClure Road, Canal Point; Best Residential: Jessie Abrams and Connie Boldin, 12220 South Everglades, Hwy. 441, Canal Point; Best Church: First United Methodist.

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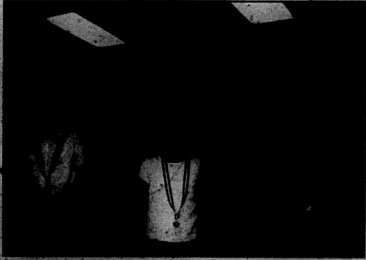
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READING COUNTS!

Gove Elementary School hosted a "Reading Counts!" Celebration, Friday, Dec. 15, recognizing children who met Principal Mary Evan's challenge to read more books.



Teacher Lori Leighty introduces Gove Elementary 1st Grade students who received a medallion for meeting the principal's challenge. They are: Blanca Gonzalez, Jacqueline Mustafa, Alyssa Quinones, Alberto Ramos and Jessica Walker.



Teacher Rachel Hollingsworth presents fourth graders Nuha Abraham, Crisostomo Guzman, Jackery Miller, Jordan Mustafa, Le'Antwon Roker, Sergio Sandoval and Santiago Vital who earned medallions for meeting the principal's "Reading Counts!" challenge.



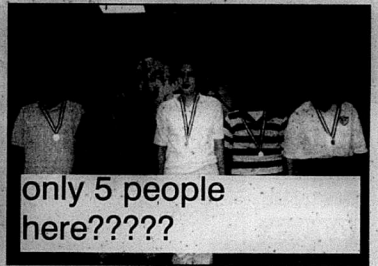
Gove Elementary 5th Grade students who met the principal's reading challenge included: April Burroughs, Cameron Carter, Leonard Dowdell, Amella Gutierrez, Lennard Jackson, Marcelo Leos, Megan Miller, Tania Torres and Zolla Rivera. The students are pictured with teacher Gloria Lively.



Gove Elementary School 2nd Grade who met the Principal's first reading challenge received a medallion for their efforts. If the students meet the Dec. 1-Jan. 31 challenge, they will receive a pin to add to their ribbons. Second-graders meeting the challenge included Kaylin Cabrera, Roberto Camacho, Javon Carrigan, Cassidy Carter, Iveth Cenceros, James Christmas, Chase Courson, Destiny Dowdell, Kasey Dulany, Joshua Feltner, Yandy Florin, Glennika Gordon, Shawn, Tiay Gray, Danielle Jones, David Lopez, Lyndal Miller, Anna Moreno, Erika Polanco, Marile Quintana, Daniel Reyes, Yasemil Romero, Jimmy Saint Jean, Brittany Santos, Khamis Shatara, Bianca Spence and Lashatay Symons. Pictured with the students is teacher Diana Williams.



The Gove Elementary School chorus entertained parents, visitors and Gove faculty and staff during the "Reading Counts!" celebration Friday. Pictured, front row, left to right are Andrew Hamilton, Austin Hamilton and Ryan McCarthy. Back row, left to right are Cynthia Orsenigo, Aleigh Miller, Zana Sledge, Ja'Stevia Sallex, Kara Roberts and Jessica Bigham.



Gove 6th Grade students Yorave Garcia, Elvira Hernandez, Wayne Johnson, Stephanie Kirchman, Michael Mobley and Edith Rodriguez were recognized by teacher Gloria Lively.

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BUILDING INSPECTOR

MAJOR DUTIES: Work includes conducting field inspections to ensure compliance with building codes and standards relating to building construction, alteration, and repair to enforce compliance with existing code interpretations to contractors, homeowners and architects. This is a technical work in providing building construction, alteration, and repair to enforce compliance with the various structural components of buildings under construction, however, duties may include, plumbing and electrical and mechanical inspection, as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Knowledge of modern construction practices, methods, and materials; knowledge of county, state, and federal building codes; ability to inspect buildings and identify building and/or structural defects; Ability to communicate code requirements faithfully to contractors, builders, homeowners, and the general public. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, and to interpret codes.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Five years of experience as a builder, architect, engineer, building inspector or superintendent of building construction or possess or have the ability to obtain a State of Florida Professional Certificate within ninety (90) days of employment. Must possess certification as required by Florida Statute 468.051 - 468.053 and Chapter 61679 Florida Administrative Code for Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Air Conditioning, Pest Examiners and Building Official, or have the ability to obtain the required certifications within two years from the issuance of a state professional certificate. Must possess and maintain a valid Florida Driver's License.

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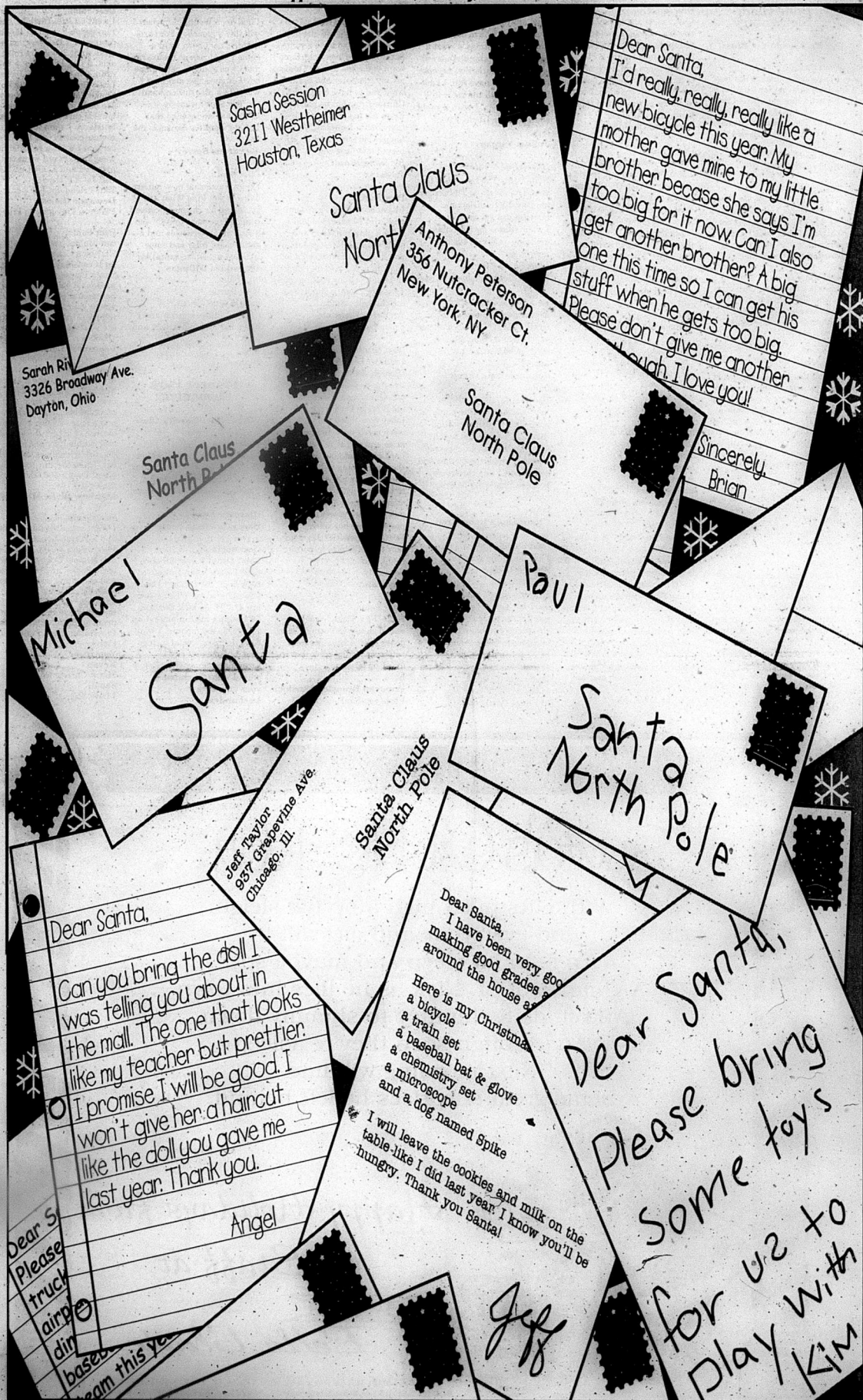
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Belle Glade Elementary

Ms. Humphries' Class

Dear Santa,
I am a great student in Class. I deserve to get for Christmas. I want a Remot Control Car that goes up, Down, left, Right a Year Two thousand Scooter and a game boy with Dragon Ball Z game:
Love for Ever,
Adrian Treviño

Dear Santa,
This is my list of things I want for christmas I will like a New Barbie doll I want a bike for christmas and some rolling skates.
Jonterial Simmons

Dear Santa,
his whot I whot for christmas a fotheater Bike Some guse Some cless shoe fas crok a came boy Beuasite Walke take a chick folk want
Brittany Brockman

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me lots of toys because I been great this year. first, I want you to bring me a Scooter. Next, I want a herbi. finally, I want a pear of shoes. That is what I want you to bring me
Thank you
Michelle Zavala

Dear Santa,
stars I want for Christmas is a 89 speed bike in a big pake of cars. But I real went to geve my mom and dad
Jarod Smith

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas in, I like you because you are nice in. I like when people be nite like you in. I want a ballbottom, in a Britney Spears barbie, in a Britney Spears shirt, in I want a dress, in some shoes in a bookbain. I want a math Advantage, for. I can do my math in. I want some paper, for school in a. Britney Spears calendar and a doll.
Gabriela Alba

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy at my house in school. I wonder how you up there at North Pole. For chirmas I want 2 Play station tapes and a scooter come to my house and opean the door with the keys. I want to darwa picture of the things I want For chirmas
Servando Compean

Dear Santa,
how are you doing at the North Pole. I'm going to write this note to you. On Christmas I want to get these things, I want a motorcile car, a 100-speed Mongoose GT bike and a pitebulldog. And this the last thing: I'm going to write on this paper. I want to see you at my house but my little brother like christmas because he gets good rays and he like to play with me.
Love,
Conrado Garcia

Dear Santa,
I like christmas so much. because I am a nice girl. I wish can get what I want. I wish I want a barbie for christmas, and a bike. I like you to be good to on christmas, thanksgiving those are my favortoe thinks that I like now I have to stop have I do not no what els to whirt buy to Singh claus
from Luciana Joseph

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa, is it good in the north Pole
I have been a good little Boy it is Just I have Ben talking in the classroom I am Doing my Home Work and my school worK I have Ben good I did not Play my game when my mom said no I Do not go out suid I do what I Poss to Do Santa I what a Playistion 2 and a Game Boy Color and a Hguse for me and my mom and dad and sister.
Charles Christer

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? I have been very kind this christmas. I want a big computer bike, clothes and shoes. I like christmas because it is a time to have fun. I have lots of fun with the snow it is cold but it's fun. I wish it could snow in Belle Glade, Fl
Julissa Vargas

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa I've been good this year, and excellent Thanks giving Day. I like christmas Because you get present. I want skates for Christmas and some other toys and a computer.
Love: Santa Claws
From: Chmicka Jean-Philippe

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? I have been a good boy: I want a bike, Madden 2001, helmet and a t.v.
Love,
Johnquavious Green

Dear Santa,
how is it doing in the north-pole? I have been very Kind this christmas. I just to tell you what I want for christmas. I want a computer, clothes and some shoe. I like christmas because that is my favorite mouthe.
Love,
Charquanda Roundtree

Dear Santa,
I am Being the goodies Student In class and my Teacher never send me to office Because I am being a good Boy Santa I want To Tell you This is what I want for Christmas is a horess power radio mountrill car and a horess power car and a new sega dream cast and a Big dirt BiKe and a bicycle
Love,
Michael Patterson

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl my teachers say I was very good girl but Santa I want to have a computer because every chirtams I want you come at night to give me my computer and Santa I want you to have a happy Chirtams too but on chirtams I never see my think on chirtams Santa I want to Soy happy Chirtams. And a Cd played and tape and cd.
By: Sofia Rinuill
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl Listing and I am 10 years old and I want a playstanashon and some nials and Aesty Marker and a ice carm marker I'd lot chartmarms I mad lot of toys to Thank you for visiting to my good story. Santa and have a nice hollyday Santa:
By: Erica Daeniels
From: Santa

Dear Santa,
I wander how are youe up there in the Noth pole. I am tring to be a better student in school. my care teacher side I am A very hard worker in her room. now that I am tring to work much more harder. My mom and dad seds I am doing hard at school now that sed they were going to buy me A New bike for me. also I wanted to talk you what I wanted for crismas I want A scuter, computer, A back street boys poster, game boy color, Brittany Spers CD, Hospeto play toys, CD player, patney. thank you.
Senserams,
Semiramis

Dear Santa,
Hello. I am Doing good in school so can you bring a mon-goose Bike, schter, goastcart, petzserer. If you can't that is o.K. I understand.
Love,
Donovan Brensley Murdock
I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
I had been WordFul in class I will like a gameboy For christmas because I been want a game For christmas because my mom was going to get a game boy For christmas and next I will like a playstation2 and the Tap that I want for it is blitz 2000, and a Bike that would i want for christmas the end.
Jarvarvous Spivey

Dear Santa,
I been wondering how are you doing is you Fine What are you doing for chrisman cause I want a Free style bicycle and a Pair of Follorloicoids and a game board color and some tiP's and a goat (to santa) car.
Cassandra Williams

Dear Santa,
hear is what I want for Crisma. like a capeter and I like a barbe. I like a walk and toke
Love,
Blanca

Pioneer Park Elementary

Geraldine Russell's Class

Dear Santa,
I am Clarence Lewis. I am in The Third grade. I want a dirt bike for christmas. I want a PlayStation for christmas.
Your Pal,
Clarence Lewis
Happy christmas, Santa!

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for christmas. I want a car. I want so bely doll. fist I want to know how old are you. I Thing you are 41 I Thing me. Santa is 59 I want a big computer. Can I have my a house. I want \$100 dollars. I want 5 ring. And 3 Name palt say Lashundra Janay Hill. Tish is what I want for chrimas.
your firend
Lashundra

Dear Santa,
I want a Little Ditrbike and a Playstation 2. a game Boy in a computre. a Demcrast game sticks want 200 dollre rldes in a skat. a Dog PePeGun. a Bike a radin two buttletip a Jordan. Little Bowwow CD. 504 Boyz Shake Fast. Bg CD JElerly. Tip pads hip pads I want lowlrde cars I want rings and bracelets. I want a tv and a remote control and I want a car and I want a goldFish a I want a pet Play I want the rock and and FLORIA STUD-IES JaCKIt thering Your Friend JaCKIt Dewwayne Jones
I Want a Play grop to Play

Dear Santa,
can you get me a radio Player CD and a CD tape to put in it for it can Play church song. Santa Please get me a mcdonald easy Baker. And Santa How old are you? Are you in your 50s or 60s. Please tell me. Mrs Claus, how old are you? And are you in you 100000s
Lescantra Lone

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Blake Mitchell. I am 8 years old. I'm over 4 feet tall. I want a moutain bike, ravor scooter, and a four-wheeler. I want a statrue of liberty, Food, and cool clothing. I want a dog, fish, friendly snake, and a cat. Those are the animals I want. I want 500,000,000.
Sincerely,
Matthew Blake Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I Want some Nintido 64, Tape and a Playstation 2. and Playstation 2 CDs. toy Robot and Remote Control car and some Books! and chimpanzee and chipmunk and CD Pler and chickadee. Radio aniguana and Pool 3 Feet Pool 'an camera an toy bulldozer an drum an dog and Whit Mouse. Playstation1 and Playstation1 CDs.
Your friend.
Eivon
Merry Christmas
Santa,
I Love You

Santa's On His Way...

With gifts piled high atop his sleigh,
And every boy and girl will try
To fight off sleep and maybe spy
A glimpse of St. Nick as he flies into town
And finds a chimney to shimmy down.
And though soon they're asleep
Next morning will find
Some great surprises he left behind.



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Belle Glade

Santa,
ve you. You Love metoo. I
d Like you to give me a
stash2 Edo. You can give
me name plates and a
w, a New game call
ing around. IWithDem
withThe Cd. I want a Bike,
New Jordans, in gold, sil
cotine game Boy with
a. I Would Love to get The
Bow Bow Cd in 2 Bracket
necklace, a Walktalk's
Ringina ear Ringina
o In The RugRat In Paris
move. I would like a tor
twister with car. In Radio
Drum with STick. In a
puter:CD Player.
ie Brown

Santa,
is Christmas? Are you
ng fun delivering prazon to
kids? Do you know What
e to have for Christmas? I
like to have a football and
yStation 2. And books and
Sector 2. That is all I want
Christmas. I have gift for
too. Some Milk and
ies. And I hope you have a
e Christmas.
frind
idon Torrence

Santa,
a you know what I want
Christmas? I want a cd
er, radio, Tornado Twister,
ck B. Chesse Pizza
ory, Millionaire game
os and a TV. That what I
t for Christmas. And also I
t a bike. If you buy me all
at stuff I will be so happy.
erly,
onio McGregor

Santa,
I like to tell you what I
t for Christmas. I want a
computer, a doll, a Big
too, and a new house. Just
on my mom and dad and
her and Sisters. We love to
a new house. Just for us.
I like some toys too and
e self to, what ever you
to give me. I wish you
y Christmas
nda Stewart

Santa,
e Christmas because you
o open presents and stuff
get to play games and be
your Friends, burring
tmas Me and my Friends
baseball, Football and
etball that is what me and
riends be on Christmas
what I want for Christmas
fark Mic gwiyer baseball
please.
ie Trevor

Santa,
asking you please bring
gift. I am 9 years old. I
you can give a 9 years old
ent I ask you for a you can
me a bike. If can't give me
te just give me a gift that
I am asking you for, a
Merry Christmas! And
forgot, can you give me a
e plate. It's just like a
lae.
erly,
a Dykes

Santa,
riend Santa, I will like to
ne a game and a scooter,
o Platcar and book and a
Rats moves, computers
ARIS BalDWIN

Santa,
ow Mrs Santa,doing I am
ar old can you get me a
I love dog. Can you get me
u shirt. How are you?
Can you get me a
 Wheeler please. Can get
base ball bat can I see
Can me a phone.
riend
mal M Stewart

Santa,
nt a football, two bottle
a scooter, bask ball gold a
et shoulder pades, hip s
s and the pades, and the
s, and a bike with pegs
r seaker, Bahamen Cd,
e bowbow a wvf shirt
sier Wooten

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas is a Baby
Doll and a bike scooter and A
name Plate and so Mush of
Baby Doll and COMOTERS
and \$8.00 and the PlaySthton.
and fluse Stases Jackit. Radia
Picture camera book puzzle
Your friend
Zelheutia Billings

Dear Santa,
How your elves? I hope that
you come to my house. I want
a shirt I want some shoe. I
want a Scooter, I want nine
rings and a pony I want biry
doll. Another bike. My name
is Shayla. My dad want a
remote control car. An please let
it Snow An good toys big toys.
And my mother a bracelet. My
uncle Lexus, Navigator. My sister
more shoe 3 papper. A C.D.
Player and 7 puppy and and
nine bookbags and some
clothes and some reading
books. I want a better time
Your friend,
Shayla Bynes

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I will like a
Nameplate and a computer,
but we have a computer at
home I like Christmas. I want
a game for Christmas. I will
like if you get me some little
cars and some toys and a new
house.
Your friend Everton Nation
To, Santa

**Kathryn E.
Cunningham/Canal
Point Elementary**
Ms. Mitchell's Class

Dear Santa,
Santa I am a good girl in
school and do my best and I go
to K.E.C. Canal Point Elemnry
school and my teacher name is
Ms. Mitchell and santa can
you please bring me something
from the North pole and I
want a scooter, sede of howow
al, baby doll, finger nails, A's
and b's, Windy the pooh. Santa
can you please bring me all of
those thing what I wrote down
and I wish you a merry chirst
mas and a happy new years. I
Love you santa
Kiara Crawford

Dear Santa,
Will you get me a dirt bike for
chirstmas? First, because I like
dirt bikes and I will ride it
everyday
Ke'Juane P.

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for chirst
mas. I want a CD player, a ice
cream maker. A Easy Baker. A
watch. A diamonds ring. A
Scooter. A Bike. A Dancie
Dabbie. A pooh Bear supple. A
coffee maker. A cotton candy
maker. A pooh Bear BookSack.
Books to read.
Mikerra Jenkins

Dear Santa,
this is what I want for
Christmas first I want is a Ice
Cream maker. Next I want is a
talking doll. Then I want a
suter. Then I want a note pad.
Then I want a rado and a
game and two more things.
Then I want a cofe maker and
that is all what I want.
Anneece Brown

Dear Santa,
I want 1 thing for chirstmas,
And I want a pawer ranger
lightspeed resyou maga for
sard for chirstmas too play
and keep.
Your friend,
Terry Peete

Dear Santa,
Satna I won't three things for
chirstmas. Let me tell you
some.
First I want a gocar for I can
go really fast with it and I can
pull my brother and sister on it
Second I won't a big tent for I
can camp out side all night
long and when morning come I
will have my tent like a Play
house.
Finally I want a little football
and I won't the padds for
When all my family come to
our house for chistmas for to
eat and play.
Santa I wish for my three
things to come ture
Jamall Bens

Dear Santa,
For chirstmas I
Like to have a BarBie house
and a BarBie and, a BarBie
cameron toll Please, Santa
Bring me Those. toys I'll be
good For your and I am in Kee
canl Point Elemntry school.
My teacher is Ms. Mitchell. I
used to be in MRS. SPurple
Class I miss her and my six
Friends too Very much.
Cendi Oropeza

Dear Santa,
I will like a bike For I can
ride it. And I will go in get my
Friend and we will go to the
park. And we will ride, ride,
ride. We is going uptimes at
my Friend home and we will go
to the Father howe For some
mashy For she can go to the
part they will how Food thers.
And will the pary is over we
will go to the pack and ride
our bike on the baskhall thing.
We will ride Fast on the
baskhall thing. And I will go
have to get my sister and She
will ride her bike to and will
go to my big sister have my
Father her has to girl and no
boy.
Andreaneesia Powell

Dear Santa,
I Would like a be-began so I
can Protect my self because I
don't have Know body to
Protect me When my Dad
gone out of town.
Eddie Brooks

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for
Christmas is a Windy the Pooh
bear bedroom set and I want a
Dancing Debbie Doll and I
want a bike for Christmas. I
want a Barbie wolkwagen car
with Barbie dolls and a scooter
and celebration Barbie and a
Princess Bride Barbie.
Love,
Mikerra Woodfolk

Dear Santa,
Have you ever had a favorite
new year? Well I did! Let me
tell you about it.
First, I won't a remok introll
car. I will have it all day I will
have fun. Next, I won't a go
car. I will ride it all day. I will
let my brother hole it. Lost, I
won't and ear tom set. I will
listen to it all day.
Eugene Sydell

Dear Santa,
I want two thing for
Christmus. Let me tell you
what I want?
first, I what books to read
books I Love to read I a school
in my hide and seek book that
is my reading book I like to
read in my hide and seek book
Santa so would you Pleases get
me some books.
Second, I what some dolls Let
me tell you the Second I what.
I what some dolls any kind
and that is what I what for
Christmas.
Laquosha Graham

**Kathryn E.
Cunningham/Canal
Point Elementary**
Ms. Harris' Class

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you
ar doing fine. Let me tell you
what I want for chirstmas.
First I want is a Gabe Boy
Color. It have three button on
it. One have up and down and
over and over and resets and
two bratten a hike. I want an
blue and
Next I want is some mallracks.
They is like galls and they are
round. They are hamrd.
Love,
Demetrious Walker

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing
very well. I really want to see
you. How cold is it at the
NorthPole. I hope you come
this Christmas. It is very, very,
very, well out here. Are you
ready for Christmas. Well I am.
Let me tell you some of the
things I really want.
First, I would like a bike. I will
want it to be red and black.
And I would like to have a
extra pair of tires. I would like
it to have big black tires.

Next, I would like a dirtbike I
want it also to have big black
tires. I want it also to have big
black tires. I want it to be reds
white, and green with my
name on it.
Then, I would like a trampol
polen. I want it to be a King
size trampoline. And I would
like it to have many sticks.
And I would like the middle to
be red.
Last, I would like to have a
basketball goal. I would like
to have a basketball goal. I would
like it to be three times bigger
than I am. I would like to be
all black.
Christmas is my favorite holi
day because of you Santa. I
will always celebrate
Christmas.
Love,
Daniel Fonseca

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I am doing
fine. I want toys for Christmas
and game. I want a few things
for Christmas.
The first thing I want for
Christmas is a PlayStation 2. I
will get cd's lik football Royal
Fuble. Then I want is No
Merrisy, and basketball too.
The next thing I want is a
Sega Sport. I want a lot of cd's.
then I get NFL2K and
NBA2K. Then I want a stool
too. Then I have what I want
for Christmas.
Santa how are you and you
reindeers doing. Is Rudolph
the red nose reindeer doing all
now. I like Rudolph the red
nose reindeer. He is my
favorite reindeer.
Love,
Zachary Allen Jr.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you
are doing fine. Let me tell you
what I want for Christmas.
The first, things I want is a
gold scooter. And pegs on it. I
also want a freestly with pegs.
The next, thing I want is a
dangonlymockintrare car. And
a Playstation two and
Smackdown 2 tape. I also want
a No Mursay tape.
Last I want a boxing set. And
a basketball goal with a basket
I also want a name plate.
Love,
Raheam Buxton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Well, I
hope your doing fine. Are you
ready for christmas? Well let
me tell you about what I want
for christmas.
First, I would like to have a
Mongoose bike for christmas. I
would like the bike pink and
purple. I would like the bike
with silver pegs.
Next, I would like a Winney
the pooh necklee. I would like
a name plate and a bracket
also.
Last, that all that I would like
from you. I wis you a merry
christmastmas and a happy
new year.
Love,
Juanie Carter

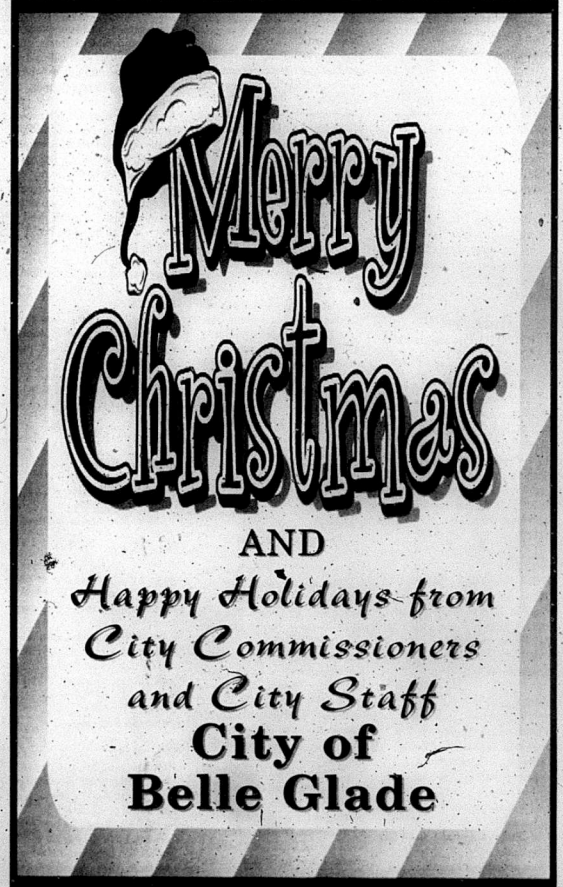
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Well I
hope you are doing fine. Are
you ready for christmas? Well I
am ready for christmas. Let
me tell you what I want.
First, I want a mongoose. I
would like a computer with
winnter the Pooh. I would like
a scooter.
Then, I would like some
clothes. I would like some
shoes. I would like a game.
Last, I would like a toy. I
would like lots of toys. I would
like a book.
Love,
Patricia Contreras

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I hope you
are doing good. Let me tell you
what I want for Christmas.
The first, things I want is a
gold scooter. And pegs on it. I
also want a freestly with pegs.
The next, thing I want is a
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Smackdown 2 tape. I also want
a No Mursay tape.
Last I want a boxing set. And
a basketball goal with a basket
I also want a name plate.
Love,
Raheam Buxton

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing?
I want to know do Rudolph
still light up? Santa is Mrs.
Claus doing OK? Now Santa
these are all the things I want
for chirstmas.
I want a Jewel Girl Barbie.
Why I want a Jewel Girl
Barbie? Becaus her turn my
really moves. She has red
changing clothes. I want a
Game boy color. Why I want a
Game boy color? I come with a
lots of game and it is in diff
enet colors. I want a Doll
House with lot of stuff in it
and people that come with it.
I want a Scooter with wheels
that I like and it has wheel so
I could ride good with them.
Santa these are all the things I
want for Chirstmas.
Love,
Melsharia McKinney

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I feel
astomishing. I will tell you
What I want for christmas.
The first thing I want is a mag
nificent bracelet 15 carat
gold. I want the bracelet to
have 5 diamonds. I want it to
be stunning.
The next thing I want is a
puny little dog named tekna.
He is a robot dog. He is an
enjoyable toy.
The last thing I want is a
trampoline. I want a gigantic
one. It will be very exciting.
That's all I want.
Love,
Ashliana Desposito

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine with
Rudolph and the other rein
deers. Let me tell you what I
want for Christmas Santa.
First, Santa I want a game
name Taken Tag Tournament.
I want it because the mans and
the wemon fight fast as the
Matrix.
Next, Santa I want a scooter
for christmas. I want it
because it rides fast a mon
goose. It is a Whit D. It is also
black.
Last, Santa tha all I want for
chirstmas. Please get those
things for me. Have a good
time Santa with Rudolph and
thes other reindeers.
Love,
Antonio Milan



Dear Santa,
I hope one of your elves are not wounded and on the other hand, how is Mrs. Claus? Please Santa come this year. The first thing I want is a Nintendo 64 game it is called No Merry. But it is a bring game and it's cool. Reing it on christmas.
The second thing I want is another Nintendo game for 64 it is Blitz 2001. It's another cool game for Nintendo 64. Please Santa bring it too.
Finally, I want is a scooter to ride and do tricks. It looks like a skateboard and a bike stick together. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Ricardo Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I hope you're going to bring me a present. How are your reindeers doing? Are you having a good time? I want a bike, a doll, and some clothes and shoes. How are your elves doing? Let me tell you what I want.
First, I want a bike. A bike is fun to ride. I really want a bike. I do not have a bike. I had one but it is broke.
Then, I want a doll. I want a doll to play with. I like to play with dolls. I never had a doll.
Last, I want some clothes and shoes. I all ready have some, but I want more. Please bring me what I said I wanted.
Love,
Jonesha Curry

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for christmas let me tell you what I want for christmas.
The first thing I want is an Backary microwave to cook like my mom does.
The second thing I want is pocky because I like dogs very much and I hope I have a dog one day.
The third thing I want is Judy. Judy is a doll that talk and moves and I like dolls.
The last thing I want is an Explore car because I like to explore very much with my milk.
With love,
Sofia Saavedra
Dear Santa,
First, I want a collection of Barbies. I want a computer too. I want a Bakery Microwave.
Second, I will love to have a bike. I want a state board too. I would like to have a big Barbie.
The last thing I want is CDs for my computers. Have a Mary christmas Santa Claus. Have a happy new year.
Love,
Jannet

Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary
Mrs. Sprague's Class

Dear Santa,
Will you buy he something for christmas. I want you to buy he a christmas give. It is a toy Rock the World drum set it call 39.99 for christmas. If you will give me is for christmas. San your best friend
JD Shazier

Dear Santa,
Well I would like a Hershey bake set and it only cost \$16.99. Any way please can I have it. And how are your elves and weather?
Your good friend
Roshumba Wheeler

Dear Santa,
Now let me tell you what I want for christmas. I want a huge doll. A roids and doll. Some winter clothes and Deluxe princess Glamour case and ear rings.
And a computer so I can do my home work on it.
And that is all what I want for christmas.
From your good Friend,
Tashawana

Dear Santa,
How is it in the northpole? Is it snowing? I would like for my sister a baby doll it cost 89.99. I would like a drum set I did not know how much that cost and a dog, cat, a Sega dreamcast, Play Station two and some games For my games I would like football games for both. I would like a G12 racing control for my Play Station.
From your friend,
Shaun

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a dog and a cat so I can Play with it. I want a drum set so I can Play with it and make alot of noise with it Im going to geat so love my mom going to make me go out the door.
And another thing how is the reindeer?
Your good friend
Corey

Dear Santa,
I really told you a question. Do I need to cold over there? Is it how we magi? How is Clausa? Is she doing fine? I want the 1st of December. I want the new Playstation, and my sister want a Barbie.
Your good frined
Miguel

Dear Santa,
And for christmas I want for my family and me my brother wants a cool racing car. and my mom wants a beautiful car. and my dad wants toh same like my mom. and I want a computer and ver pretty. And I want 3 baibe dolls and I would like some really cool stuff I want and say Hi for Mrs. clause.
Your good friend
Jenny

Dear Santa,
I would like some gifts. Mabey I would like some. I been very bad. I don't even think I deserve any presents. I only want some clothes. Shoes to go with my clothes. One or two biary dolls.
Your good friend,
Daniella Fonseca

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I am find. Christmas is coming up. Some Kids Don't bieve you But I Do.
Don't forget Christmas. I Whod like 102 Dalmatians Dog House of Dalmatians.
From your friend
Shauna

Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary

Ms. A. Jones' Class

Dear Santa,
let me tell you what I want for Christmas I want a game boy color I only will let my family play with my blue game boy color and not my friend and I want it because I have always wanted one.
Santa let me tell you what I want is a skuter and when I get my skuter no one is going to ride it. Not my family or friends no matter what I do one is going to ride.
Wilfred Sardo

Dear Santa,
I know that Christmas is almost here. And I want lots of presents for Christmas. Let me tell you What I Want for Christmas I Want an easy baker for Christmas. The easy bake comes in many colors, light pink an white.
Another Reason why I want a easy bake oven is so me and my family, friends, or Relatives can help me bake stuff like cake and all that other stuff. I want the oven size to be for two, three or four people to play on.
The shape is like a square or a Rectangle you will know! Thank you Santa Claus for getting it for me Love
Frankraka Washington, from friend Village. That's where I live. Love you. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I want me a Super Nitendo 64 shy I want were I can play with it by my Sofa.
The colors they are red, blue, green, clear, purple and black. The size is between 20 and 22. I can have so much fun while Playing with my family. I live in South Bay Florida. I wish I could see you. Thank You, Santa Claus
Love From
Johnativous Baker
Happy Christmas

Dear Santa,
My name is Whitney Hamlett, I have been a good girl because I know it is the month December and Christmas is on its way. I would like to get a gift for Christmas if you do not min. I would like a Doll SET for christmas. It has six dolls to go with it and I can play with it with my friends and family. The dolls come in many colors I like white or black dolls I would't mine which one I get. It comes in many shapies like big or small.
Thank you Santa, I will have a great time with my dollset, and my friends and my family will have a great day and I will take everywhere I go. If I go to the park, I can up it in my bookbag and play with it in the sand.
Thank You Santa!!!!

Dear Santa,
I know that christmas is almost here. So let the tell you what I want. I want a cd player. Becase I can play music. And they come in every color. Like blue, red, green, purple, yellow. But you can get any color you want to get for me. I would like some shoes and are called nikes. They come in many colors like blue, and white, red and white, black and white. You can get and color you want, and my shoe size is G 5 1/2. I want these shoes because they are pretty. I want some clothes in my size is 10/12. Some winter clothes. And clothes to wear outside. I want short pant in every color. like white, red, blue, black, gray, brown, and some shiny pants, and colored shirts. I want scooter with colored tires. So you can get red, blue, black, clear, green, purple, orange.

I want a dreamcast. The color comes in gray and one thing that you play with it is small. It has a little orange triangle unit. Christmas day is my birthday. So if you can bring all of this stuff I will make you some cookies and milk and a green and clear game boy. I live in garden place.
Thank You Santa
Carl Moreland

Dear Santa;
I want a wrestling tape For Christmas For my Nintendo. The colors are red, black, purple, and yellow.
When I am bored me and my sisters can play the tape. The tape colors are black gray red and blue.
Thank you Santa
Love,
Anthony Kelly

Gove Elementary

Mrs. Henderson's Class

Dear Santa,
How are you doing on North pole? I want to get alot of presents on Chrismas. On the North pole is it very cold over there?

I would have some cookie and milk on the table. This year for Christmas I would want a barbie doll and a computer and a scouter
Love,
Rebecca Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you happy at the north pole? What I want from you is a game boy and a doll and a computer.
First, I want a game boy because I can play with it when I am bored and if we go to a field trip I can play with it.

it.
Second, I want a doll because I can play with my sister.
Third I want a computer because it can help me on my Homework. And I can print pictures and I can write.
Love
Hanadi Kaki

Dear Santa,
If you don't know who I am, my name is Kyle monti. This year I am not wanting much because my toybox is already full.

First, I would like a gameboy because you can take it anywhere, and when I take it to the restaurant wendys they take so long to cook their food, so I will I play my gameboy while I wait.

Second, I would love one of those new scooters. Because some of my frinds have them and they ride them every where, and if I get one we can ride down to our secret hide out on fourth street.

In conclusion please give me these things.
Love,
Kyle Monti

Dear Santa,
Is he mrs claus? Is it good over there. How is Rudolph, Is his house still red? Santa, can you please get a scooter, computer, and earrings I want a scooter because I really have been seeing people with it. I really want one. I really need a computer because I need it for my work in school. Earnings are very enchanting because they would be marvelous Under the Christmas tree there would be some milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Ashley Arroyo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are fine since the last time I saw you. How have you been doing up there? I hope you are fine. I am doing fine thank you for asking. How are the elves and reindeers, I hope their doing fine. For Christmas this year I am asking for five things, and they are more friends, books, bike, scooter, and clothes. When you came and leave presents there will be Milk and Cookies waiting for you on the lamp table, just for you. Tell the elves and reindeers I said hi. Talk to you later. bye for now.
Love,
Yasmely Perez

Dear Santa,
I will have your Cookies and milk waiting on you. How is Mrs. Claus on the north pole? I know Christmas in Florida is fun, but it would be better on the northpole. Does Rudolph's nose still glow in the dark? Does he still lead your Sleigh? These are the things I want for Christmas game boy, rabbit, and a doll.
Love,
LeToni Moore

Dear Santa,
My name is Wilnesha Jones. I've been a good girl. How are you, Mrs. Claus and the elves?

We welcome you to Pahokee, Florida. I know it's cold on the North Pole.
This year I would like 11 things for Christmas. No more than 11 things. I would like a scooter, rollerblades, baby dolls, Gameboy, Super soaker watergun. I would also like jewelry, shoes, CDs, Cassette player, Cassette CD player.
Santa: Is Rudolph nose all right? Well I hope so if it's not what Christmas be like without Rudolph's nose? I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Have a safe trip!
Love,
Wilnesha Jones

Dear Santa,
How is everyone over there? Is Mrs. Claus O.K.? I hope so, and Rudolph the red nose reindeer still have his nose red and shining? I wanted to be your helper like an elf but I am a human being, you wanted me to tell you a joke that I learned knock, knock who's there? Santa. Santa who?

Santa you. For Christmas I would like a bike, roller skates and a game boy.
Love,
Vanessa Buenavista

Dear Santa,
How is he? I wonder do you still have some toys, if you do can you bring me a Game boy from
Rojelio Vasquez

Dear Santa,
How is your wife? Do you like living on the North Pole? Is Rudolph the red nose reindeer still shining?
For Christmas I want a CD player, a game board and a scooter.
From
Ivan Paniagua

Dear Santa,
How is life on the north pole? It going to be Christmas Soon. I am going to put some Cookies and Milk out for you.
If you can bring me a Scooter for Christmas and a computer and I would be very happy to: Santa
From: **Salma Gonzalez**

Dear Santa,
Christmas is my favorite holiday. My family celebrate and have dinner and a gift exchange. This year I want a barbie doll, and some books about animals.
From
Dayumi Peña

Dear Santa,
How is it on The north pole? Is your wife OK? I know you and your elves are making gift for Kids all over the world I hope you have a carefull driver. Now do you like cookies and milk? Please may I have a gift and can you spare a little gameboy? Also aremote control car I am wishing you a very good Christmas.
From
Tavaris Holland

Dear Santa,
How does it feel on the northpole? For Christmas I would like a scooter. When you come

inside my house the night before Christmas put the present under the tree and I will leave some cookies and milk. Make sure you don't get very noisy because my brothers will wake up and I will get in a lot of trouble. When you leave fly safe with your reindeers and tell your wife I said hi.
from: **Angel Romero**

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a game boy?
How is Mrs. Claus. Are the elves making many toys? Santa I have been really nice
Eliasin Torres

Dear Santa,
how is life sErving you on the North Pole. I dinak Wath get some good pelpu get some pentas. I like Santa because santa Wath got some toys scot-er and coming Santa. my nema is Markese Betaneco you North Pole.
I like to go Santa good Peuple Santa because What


Dear Santa,
I will have your milk and cookies waiting by the Christmas tree. I want to tell you something. How are things in the North Pole? For Christmas I want a cd Player, money and more books to help me learn different things. Reading is fun to me.
From: **Jacqueline Ruiz**

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Santa I hope she is doing fine. How are your reindeers? What about the red nose reindeer. This year here are the things I want for Christmas. a computer, CD player and a scooter.
Santa I really hope you could come because you are the best Santa ever.
From
Destiny Rogers

Dear Santa,
How are you doing on the north pole? I am sure that I will have some cookies and milk waiting for you. These are three things that I want this year, a computer a new sweater and a watch. I want a computer because I want to learn and it will help me with my homeWork and play games on it. I want a new sweater to keep me warm and it is pretty. It is blue and it has stripes on it. I would like to have Watch where I can tell what time it is and it is my favorite color and it glow
That is what I want this year.
Good bye
Kirk Congleton

Dear Santa,
My name is German Calas but you can call me German. I was thinking of your reindeer okay?
This year I am looking forward to see you Santa. Santa if you could call your elfs make me three thing for Christmas. I want a pair of skates, skateboard, and a supre pluche. I just want those three things.
Love,
German Calas

Relax and Enjoy the Holidays!



Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a well-vented new year from

The City of Pahokee City Commissioners and City Staff!

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Gove Elementary

Mrs. Bruff's Class

Dear Santa,
This year I was very good.
This year I want a N64 game called Tony Hawk Pro Skater because I only have 3 games and I really like this one. I would also like a Scooter so I could ride around the neighborhood. I would also like a CD player because I can't bring out stereo in the car when my mom. and dad want to listen to their kind of music. I would like newer roller blades because my old ones are rasing. I would also like a computer so I could practice writing and my spelling words. I also want a Baha men CD because I like their songs and it's a CD because I like their songs and it's a CD for my CD player. I would also like some cool boots so I could walk around in some new shoes. I hope I get everything I want. Sincerely,
Alana Jade Byrd

Dear Santa,
This Year I've been a little good and a little bad but still bring me the presents that I am going to ask for. First, I want for christmas a bike. Second, I want for christmas a gameboy.
Third, I want for christmas a Poochi Dog.
Final, I want for christmas a pear of skates and a computer. Sincerely,
Maria

Dear Santa,
This year I've been good with my family ther are a lot of things I want for christmas. I hope I get a lot of playstation games to play with. The other thing I want for christmas is a scooter for I can ride with my sister. The other thing I want for christmas is a pool for I can swim. The other thing I want is a Gocart. to race with people on it. The other thing I want for Christmas is a bunbox for I can listen to music. The other thing I want for christmas is a

game of monopoly and Life. The other thing I want are movies for I can se with my freinds if they come sleep over. These are some of the thing I want for are butifil Christmas. Love Yanetzi Acosta
Thaks, Santa

Dear Santa,
This year I, been not that a good I which you can bring me presents. Santa I am sorry because I been a little bad by hitting My saiter Santa I am sozo sorry for been so bad Santa I want to tell you if you can give me some presents Santa I want is: a Game Boy to play with when I am bored and I want some Roler Skates and I want a Poochi Poochi is a little robote dog also I want is a real computer to tipe on an Sant I want arinding bookbag I love rinding it.
Love,
Martha Jaimes

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a scooter so I can ride all over my neighborhood. The other thing I want a pochi so I can play with a dog that won't take me. I have been very good this year. I hope I get everything. I hope you have a very good Christmas Santa.
Love,
Lauren Dehoben

Dear Santa,
I Know some people do not believe in you but I do believe in you so does my family. For Christmas I would like You to bring me a Telescope, Bike, ill Snifles, Computer, My Real Baby, My Size Barbie, and some Banacuclers. Please Santa please Bring me those things thaks Santa and Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Hianna Hernandez
p.s. and Buy me a Chuckie Cheese pizza maker.

Dear Santa,
This year I want a "WF Mayhem" ring and three "Drgonballz" action Figure

toys". I want the ring for playing with the Drgenballz toys inside of the ring. And I also want a "X-men" toy. That X-men toy I want it for the same reason. I am in 3rd grade but I still like toys. Its simple Monkey see Monkey Want. Thanks Santa
Juan Carlos Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
This year I have been ofly good So I would love a scooter to take my sister to the mall and leave her thir. I would also love a new game for my 64 game. And a braelet for my sister. And that's all I would like for christmas.
Love,
Fernando

Dear Santa,
This year I bine good I wante scorar, a remote, controll truck with gasoline, and a puppie can you bring the presents That I want. I all wise want'e a scuror and a remote controll truck with gasoline on it
Ivan Sanchez

Dear Santa,
This year what I want most of all For Christmas is a scooter with blue wheels, a password journal, and a CD/Tape player. I want these most of all because everyone has a scooter, some people like my friend Dori has a password journal and I want a boom box because my walkman broke. Oh ya I've been really good this year! Don't forget to stop at my house.
Love,
Emily Pope

Dear Santa,
This year I want a mio-chi and poo-chi, 2 pairs of Glufex, True you, a compurties, waKytalays, Dizies for Mackin Jelvery, Don't wack Dady, life, PoP Gas Perfection, Twister The Hot Spot Nail Creation, watch, Little Marmaid two return to the sea. Guldory, CD Player. Please forgive me of all the things I did bad. I did bad. From Your little Angel,
Anna

Dear Santa,
This year I only want a scooter. Because my mom told me That you were real and I really wanted a scooter. and maby other things like a Gravelidger. Those are cool. I like it too For chismas. If you dont Bring me a niting I told you It's O.K. with me. al I want is in this letter This is Why I Want For Chismas.
From: Jennifer Pulg to: Santa clause

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Nintendo 64 and a scooter for I can riece my brother and take my little brother for a ride.
Love,
Reyes

Dear Santa,
This year I want the game guess who? and a magic set. I Also want a television and a pear of sheos. The last hting I want is clothes and a new bike, and a poochi.
Love,
Annette Silva

Dear Santa,
This year I want a scooter and a skateboard so I can take it to the park and do some chricks. I really want a Play Station 2 with lots of games and a miami dolphin jaket.
Aristeo

Dear Santa,
This year I want you to get me a box of toys because I've been good. And I want you to get me a remote control car A bicycle and a computer, a VCR. The reason why I want these toys is because I like to play with toys. And my second reason is because toys are fun.
From: Ernest to: Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
This year I was a good boy so can I have two dragon Ball Z toys. So I can have a collection of them. I also want the cassette of Banjo Toie for 64: So when its cold I can play it: I also want a digimon and pokemon toy. So I can play with them that all I want for Christmas Santa.
Sincerely,
Leone Lastra

Dear Santa,
This year I would like not much but if it's OK I would like a puppy because I really like puppy's. All of the passward Jourals, a t.v. for my room, a bake to play when I have nothing to do, a scutter to ride around, computer, and that would be all please try your best!
Love,
Jessica to: Santa

Dear Santa,
This year I have Gen good Santa This year I would like a scooter to ride around. And a hamster to play with at my house.
Sincerely,
Matthew Don

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I will lik to have is a Cherkers games and books to read a colorinr books that what I want for Chirkmas than you.
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
This year what I want for christmas is a T.V. and a Tweety watch. And I hope my mom make's some Tormales for our Posado and she bought a box of candy canes and we are going to give you, Santa, some cookies and some milk: And I hope my tias give me a ring that has a green stone. Santa I want to have a good Christmas with you.
Yazmin Casa

Dear Santa,
This year I've been hoping for a scooter, rollerblades, shoes, and clothes. I wanted a scooter because I like to push it with my feet and then the wheels light up. And also I want rollerblades because I could get better and better knowing how to rollerblade. And I want clothes and shoes because they look good when you where them. And finally what I really want is that all the people in the world that celebrates Christmas could have a good time! That all what I was hoping to get for Christmas.
Your friend,
Jaclyn Garza

Dear Santa,
This year I want a scotter because this year I have been very good in school. I have ben getting very good grades in my school. This year I want a dog because I don't have one I want a boy dog because I have a girl dog already. Santa I also want a cat or a kittle because I never had one befor in my hole life and also want four bell bottom because I am running out of them. I also want four shirts that match with the bell bottoms
Love,
Vanessa Saucedo

Dear Santa,
This year I want a green scooter because I want to ride it all days when I come from school and I want a Gameboy with allot of Games for me and my brother can play with it when we ar bored. Santa I would like to if you gave me a PTT cruiser that is a car for tell my dad to take me to the Park and show me how to ride it that all I want for this year because thats what is really fun to me.
Love,
Maricela

Glade View Elementary

Ms. Deliard's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a new game boy color for christmas And I would like a new bike for Christmas And I would like a computer for Christmas And I would like a baby doll for Christmas. And I would like a some comic books for Christmas. And I would like a scooter for Christmas. And I would like a baseball and a baseball bat and clothes to for Christmas. And I would like a cotton candy maker for Christmas. And I would like a fishing Pole for Christmas. And I would like to ride In you slead with You, Santa. And I would like a big rose For my mom. And I would like a big Yard behide my house.
Lavonda Spies

Happy Holidays

from the Staff & Management at Gilbert's Jewelers & Gifts, Inc.



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Dear Santa,
Hi, My name is Samantha Wooten I have been a good girl this year and I will like a squater for Christmas so I can ride on.

And I will want some skates so I can have fun with my friends and a new Rugrats game to play when I don't have nothing to do. I will like a boocie ti look like a little dog to play with it like a real dog And when I get my girl I will like them all like Santa and all the other girls I will like them to and I will still remember you Santa for every onted! Christmas come.
Love,
Samantha Wooten

Dear Santa,
I would want Me a gift for Christmas because I been such a good boy I want me a Scooter the Scooter This is how you use it I put one foot on it and the other off then push you can change wheels from different color it can go different Way that is What I Want for Christmas S.N.
Sincerely,
James Lomar Sims Jr.

Dear Santa,
I'm writing this story to let you no want I want for christmas I want like a scooter and a ring. Next I would want a scooter because you don't have to Pattle and I would like to have a ring My mom said you were dod but I don't belve her my mom said you got ran over by a airPlane my mom like you when you was Santa Claf is a White Man he love to bring kids stuff.
Isiah Corbett

Dear Santa,
This story is wrote by Oscanique Sone't Boatwright My gele is to see your Brutiful face if I see you I will be so happy to see you is you White are Black But I Think that you are Black for seeing I will like a Back I will like a Doll and shucka and a name pat and a nellSat and I will like a baby Doll Bay and I will like a body Doll Bay and a pecher Whit you I will like in Thing But not boys st I am 9 year old and I am in the 3grd and my brdDay is May the 24, 1991. Dont fre get you friend Oscanique.

Dear Santa,
I have Been Good and Doing My Work and class. Santa I want you to Bring me a doll and Santa I made four and I want the doll hat talk to you and I sent comparter But my mom and going to Buy it and I want a new Birk and I want more shoe, and Clothes, and I want a nther Dear Druy Cluies 'nganigen and I Want a Skuter and on ther Stay I can not like it.
From: Andrewneque N.ouis
b: Santa

Dear Santa,
I want two things from you. The first thing I want is a gameboy. An the second thing want is a dog. I want the little dog for no body want go in ly house and my yard. An I want the dog to be brown and lack with a black line on in ack. I want my Gameboy to e green and black. An I want cause I want to battle we my 'end and my friend to. An I want my Gameboy to have ames. That the onwly things I r you santa. An I will get the ss for my mom.
/ilnar Augustin

Dear Santa,
am writing this letter to you call you what I want for rlistmas. hat I want for Christmas is a and held digital computer, I could want a hand held digital computer because I want to am my math and reading be second reason why I want e hand held digital computer I want to learn my division d three digit time tables. would use it by cutting it on the on Switch and cutting it by the off Switch. The second reason how I would use it

is when I stop playing with it I will cut it off and let it run and get really hot. there you have it your wonderful letter telling you what I want for Cristmas. Why, and how I would use it.
Your Friend,
Kamika Garrett

Dear Santa,
I am sending you this letter because this I what I want for christmas. I would like you to give me a scooter for christmas. I would put milk a chocolate cookies. I would ride my scooter on the street it will be alot of fun. I am being good at school. I would like you to bring me a scooter for christmas.
Your Friend,
Emanuel Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Santa morns vele computer hou me conserve la cay moins besion machine foiete. besoin houhee ave ballons moins besion fou foiete ave. moins besion you hake nose Belt you hake foiete moins besion kin di. You hake foiete Dear Santa.
Love,
Shelande

Dear Santa,
I need a Baby doll and computer and a BaBie doll and a GaCko Because listened to My radio Because I love Santa and when I sit in front of the tv its Not Good so sawier Please Please omlint some toy for and I Need A Baby doll who is big and and I Need computer to fix My house and A Ceyl telephone A Bear lot of Bear Because I need to fix my and I need Box of toy and a lot of Box of toy and A Piano Because I need to fix My house.
Love,
Walkina

Dear Santa,
I am not such a "good" girl in class will not like Kamidea them. Will I be good at home I only want a Little Present. I want a Mickey Mouse watch. A doll. And a Make-up Set. That's all I want for Christmas! Kenya

Dear Santa,
I been Behavior a little Bit and I would like For you to Bring me a Barbie Doll Jeep. The grinch movie, computer, clothes and that's all I want and if you Don't Bring it it's O.K. With me and I wish you bring me a Little Puppy and It will Be White and Black like 102 Dimasion. Merry Christmas Santa and have a Nice Holiday. Don't For get to write me a note Back on and one thing I got to tell you was that's I didn't Make the Honor roll but I am going to make it this time O.K. Bye.
Rankeria Phillips

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl ever. I am in the middle the present I should get is if a Scooter because I am a good girl and I listen to the teacher and get my work on time and I amek the honoroll and I think that I should get the scooter and that is the present I should get For me for Christmas. Santa that is what I should get For me and when I get one I will treat it with care and I will try not to get it dirty and if I got it dirty I will clean it of and put it up in the shed.
Vanessa Small

Dear Santa,
What Would it be gameboard in Me in My Sisiers with my gameboard in me in My friend had play my gameboard.
Donald Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want this to be your letter and I hope you come to give me my presents that we want. Because I want a SKoater a remote control car and real walkie talkies. I like Christmas better than I like Thanksgiving and I like present to open. On my birthday I will get me a brand new computer from the Radio Shack with a music white it that you can record on and a C.D. rom and I will have fun with my computer.
Antonio Dairie Brown

Glades Day Elementary

Ms. Coker's Class

Dear Santa,
How are Theeinder? Santa; I would like to have a scooter and a Play Station 2, and the game NFL Bliss 2; 2001.
Your friend,
Jose Pozo

Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStation 2. I want a Scooter that it's tires light up. How are you doing Santa. Will you get me a reindeer that can fly. Santa will you get me a sleigh. Thank you Santa class.
Alberto

Dear Santa,
I hope you get me a Playstation 2, a go-peg and that's all. I hope you have a good time.
Your friend,
Saeed Barhouse

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want it snow for Christmas. I want nail polish and us to have two months from school and twince year Christmas and a slineky phone and alap top shoes.
Your friend,
Jordan Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I want a Scooter and I want a bat man becom toy and a Action man toy and a Hart necess for my mom and a working tools for my dad. Merry Crimas to all.
your friend,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a Playstation 2, a comando Bot, a wallet, a muy loco,
Love,
Bryce Stevens

Dear Santa,
I want a razor id for Christmas. I want a scooter and a bike. And a game boy with all the pokemon games with a worn light top. And a pelet gun. And I wish that there will be a blizard in Florida and ther will be no school.
From: Nicky Donahue

Dear Santa,
I want a Gopeg and i want it to snow and i want a watch and a dirt Bike. I wish that my step brother to come Home I want a male American Pit Bull and i want a merry Christmas
From: Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a Muy Loco and a Comando bot and Tekno and I want the Brit to visit. How is your wife and Cupid. Please bring Rudolph and Show viser.
Love,
Charles
P.S. Hope you like the cookies.
Dear Santa,
I want a dirtbike because they are cool. and I want a fourten. and skates. and a hamster.
From: Curtis
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you if it can snow in FL and I want some toys too.
From: DAWN



Here's to a lovely Christmas and a new year full of peace.

Best Wishes for a happy holiday season.

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Dear Santa,
I want to ask you some stouf. I want a puchy and a puppy and some brasilis and a game boy. And a giny pig but i want a brown one with black eyes. And I want a 4 wheeler. And I want a hamster. And I want some roller blads. And horse. And 5 yoyos. And a shark and a basscit ball. And 50 fish.
Victoris Lenn Yates

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas A scooter and a mongoose or a dino bike. And some CD's And some FSU stuff, some miami hurricanes stuff and hope you give me all that and I forget some thing for my nintdo 64. Could I havsomgames and what's going on at the shop. And how's Rudolph, the red nose reindeer going? I hope he is not going to be sick before Christmas and I hope all your elve's can make that much stuff.
Your friend,
Clinton

Dear Santa,
Can I have a Jammin' Draw and Diva Starr Doll and Billy Gilman CD and Lavalamp and a wheeled backpack Mickey Digital Adventures. Watch and Legos? OK!
From: Chelsie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want 2 computer, 4 game boy colors. with 16 games, \$6,000 dollars in cash, 7 guitars, 9 stereos, 17 tv, 8 cell phones, and 19 cds that's all. Bye.
Your friend,
Jeff Therriassaint

Dear Santa,
Why don't you ever shave your beard? I want a scooter and I wish to have the rest of school year off. I dream of a White Christmas Santa I have 12 chickens, 14 gerbils, 1 horse, 2 cats, 2 dogs, 1 ginnas pig, 5 quit I wish I could have Christmas all the time.
Love, Wendy

Dear Santa,
I don't want any thing for Christmas. I just want to Play with my cousins. I want to have a fun with my buddies and have a fun time celebrating and that I have a fun with my uncle Jason and my aunt Ashley. My cousins. Bryan Kern and David. My other cousins JoShau and Brook and my Me Me and Dady Mike and Me Ma and my Dad and my Mom and my Brother and my cousins in Tennessee and Georgia.
Brandon Cunningham

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I want a little puppy. I want it to snow. I hope I get a lot of presents. I been a good girl. I want my classmate Have a Merry Christmas I hope Rudolph will make the long trip. I hope that I can visit my Grandmas and Grandpa. How do your reindeer fly? I hope you stop by our house.
Your Friend,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
some people say you are not real but I do not think that. Do you remember when I put out some milk and cookies and you said you could not get me the bike because it did not

fit in the sleigh? I don't want so many toys because some Kids do not have any toys at all. So can you do me a favor please and give them the toys. Thank You. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Stephanie Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am in 3rd grade at Glades Day School. My teacher is Mrs. Coker and she is nice like you. I want a computer for Christmas. I hope it will snow and I will make snowman. I want a play station and the Grinch Who Stole Christmas movie and I want my grandma to be ok and I want a hamster. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Your friend,
Alyssa

Glade View Elementary

Mrs. Wisdom's Class

Dear Santa,
I miss you my sister told me you fall in snow and Die so I am white in a note to you first I'll think some one else will be Santa so if you was a live you will come throw my chimney and give me game boy two. Second A game boy two look like a clean little girl I want to take it to school to show it off third if my teacher goe it will get take from me forth give it my teacher will give it back at the end of the year it will take a long time.
your friend,
Bradley

Dear Santa,
for christmas I would like a scooter, a barbie boltswagon beetle, also a art deek. The reason why I won't this is because... First, I always wanted these things and the art deek is woned. I'd like a good, artist. Second, And I want a scooter because after school I can ride it home with out being tired. third, I want the barbie car because is't my dream is n't the preist car ever
your friend,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas a CD player with a Lil, Bow Wow Cd and a new bike with a horn. Second, I want a nail shop with colorful beads with finger nails polish and Grille. third, I want a computer and a CD to go with My computer and a printer to go with it. four, I want to go a Barbie Radio House and a Chalk board and a doll.
your friend,
Michelle

Dear Santa,
I would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to have these Things for Christmas I would Like to have a new bike car train and a Remote Control car if you can put these Things under My Tree by Christmas I

would be very Happy on Christmas day May God Bless you to send it to me.
Love,
Corey Madison

Dear Santa,
I am so happy that I can write to you. First, What I want for Christmas is a hot wheel tract, race cars, new shoes, a Dragon doll Z game and a 2 wheel scooter and a computer. Next, you will have to bring something for my brother and sister and my cusin. Finally, This is the last thing I want for Christmas is a game-boy That is it.
Your friend,
Charles

Dear Santa,
I love You and this is a list that I want for Christmas I want a Jewl Set and a finger nail maker and I want some four wheel shaks and a Bike and now I am gone to write Pome. Rose or red voil are Blue Song is Sweet and so of you I love you Santa
Your friend,
Anthona

Dear Santa,
I am so happy that I can write to you. This is what I want for Christmas is a Bike and a computer and a game board color I want the Game board Color because purple is my favorite color. fist, I want a Bike Because I can ride it to school and ride it to the Store.
from you freind,
Phaina

Dear Santa,
I am so happy that I can write to you. This is What I want for Christmas a bike, computer, fingernail. The first thing is a bike because I did not have one. The Second thing is an computer because e I want to play on it. The third thing is some finger nail becuse I want my finger to be design. Thes is what I want for Christmas.
From: Cathy

Dear Santa,
This is Cloverrean I want you to bring me This when you come over here, a name played Clothes Shore an Radio an a car. First I want you to bring me is a name played so I can look good for my Clothes an Shore. Second, I want you to bring me is a Radio so I can listened to music to make me dance. Third, I want you to bring me a car so I can drive it to take my little brother to school.
Your friend,
Cloverrean Jordan

Dear Santa,
I want a Dragon ball z pin ball miscaseen. First reason is it my fault show I wach it every day. Now Gonk is a sooper silver. I love that show it will all wars be my show.
Your friend,
Eugene



Greetings, Friends!

We hope the holidays bring you serenity, happiness and all the comforts of home. We're grateful for the blessing of your friendship.

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Dear Santa,
Hi My Name is markvious I
Will like to have a Sagadrem
caah and a computer and a
BuseLight year and some
skase and a free Stile Bike and
one scooter! I will fiste you
some, cookies and some milk
Your friend,
Markvious
If you get me all that I will
give you some more

Dear Santa,
I want a name Plate for
Christmas and some Books to
lud to Read and go to the 4th
grad and Do math all The
time.
Fr. St. I would ware my Name
Plate to School and ever ware I
would to and I would tall
Santa wont.

Nest My mom buet me some-
ing and to my mom and Dad to
for christmst I Love my mom
and sister.
Your friend,
Shalaria

Dear Santa,
I Wus a Good Student in
School.
First I Wut a scooter for chni
Your Friend,
Robert

Dear Santa,
let me tall you what i went for
chirsman. I want a dance
BaBy. In a BaBy Doll.
First, I would like to tall you
about the dance BaBy. If you
dances the BaBy will dance
with you. If you stop it will
stop with you. BaBy Doll it
just like a realy BaBy fack.
Second, The Baby Doll was sit-
ing at me bed. In one ever
things a easy baker In a nail
pourer. Borth have to paring
in. In a power reagon for chirs-
man.
Fannly, I want to wish you a
marry chirsman and a happy
new Year. In I else like to Wish
Mrs. Wisdom a Marry
Chirsman. In all the teacher to
Hoppy Chirsman
your Friend,
Jakeria

Dear Santa,
I am writing you Becase what
I want for the Christmas holi
day and tis jam
ferist I will LiKe an roler cast-
er Bechas. I think you can you
can get it and I will LiKe a
grBall go tats all I thank you
Merry matn
Your Friend,
Daral

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Ebony
Blackman I am 8 years old. I
am going to tell Santa what I
want For Christmas.

First, I want for Christmas. Is
a new scooter with blue wheel.
I want the scooter because I
can ride it to school. I want
because I just want to show it
off.

Second, I want For Christmas.
Is a doll name Amaize Ally
that come with a cd's. I want
Amaize Ally to play with it. I
can take it to school.

Third, I want For Christmas.
is a game boy color. I want it
because I can Play it. I want it
because I can take it to school.
Your Friend,
Ebony

Rosenwald Elementary

Ms. Hooker's Class

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a taking BaBy
Doll, a Barbie Jeep, and a My
Size Barbie a CD player,
Bowwow CD, Sammy CD, easy
baker, that Bake cake, and a
Barbie Doll, and a Scooter, and
a DirtBike and a Sing Barbie.
Latashia

Dear Santa,
this is Carissa Chastine from
3rd grade. I want a bicbye and
some jewel because you will
bring me lots of stuff for chirit-
mas. This is the stuff I will
want for chirtmas. I want
some shoes and clothes and I
want to go to my dad house
and stay the night with my
sister's and my brother. And I
want some money and a scoter.

Dear Santa,
I ban good all year can you
bring this thing I no it we take
you long to get to my side over
the world this what I want a
girl igueana, fairret
Zertavious

Dear Santa,
I wish I can have a Dream
Baby Dall. I wish I can have a
Bike. I wish I can have a scoot-
er. I wish I can have a BirBe
Dall will lots of BirBe Doll
Clothes and Baby Boll Clothes
with Baby Doll set and Jewler.
And most of all I wish to have
a Merry Chirtmas.
Makeba

Dear Santa,
I was very good, and I want for
chirtmas a sKieker and a toy
and I want a play gon and a
hot wheels cars and that all.
Ervin

Dear Santa,
from your friend JaMorrious.
Will you give me a back and a
tap for my game. And Santa I
needa new foot ball for me and
my friend can play cash. And
Santa I got to let you know
that I have a 64 game and one
more thing I won't some skates
and that what I won't
From: Jamorrious Walker
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I am good I want a food thing
Riley

Dear Santa,
this is what I want I want a
chirtmas I want a Baby dolls, pooh
any thing for chirtmas that
you can found I know you is
whaiching me in school.
Sher'melka

Dear Santa,
I am in 3rd grade. I am a go
girl. and I wish I git a parit
From: Mikecha

Dear Santa,
May I please have a gruch get-
away car and a talking BaBy.
From: La'Breche Harris

Dear Santa,
Hey My name is Erne'shia I
am in the 3rd grade Santa for
chamause will you gave me a
schooder Please.
From: Erne'shia
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I will Love to get a barbe that
cry and Love to eat I will like
it place I love it
From: Roonette

Dear Santa,
All I want for Chirmas is my
two fout teeth and amazing
Baby and pucht and two pairy.
my size biarboy.
To: Santa
From: Shanell Ford

Dear Santa,
All I want is a Grinch getaway
car and a mickey mouse chaky
chesse pizza baker.

And also Peace on earth. And a
Kitten and a puppy. A lot os
prasslets and a Santa Clause
musical thing.
And also I want a puchy and a
amazing baby.
Also I want a baby furbox and
a talking parrot. Also a sweet
saith barbey doll.
Also I want a my size barbey.
From: Jalisa

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a dirt bike
a moken troll car and a game
boy color a playstation a scoot-
er a hot will and I want me a
lot of stuff.
Kenneth

Dear Santa,
this is what I want. I want a
doll. and I want an dace baby-
doll. I want some earphones
and I want what I put on this
paper. doll dace doll earphone
skates name plate skoter pers
I was very good
By: Lashay Earley

Dear Santa,
I want a Generation school
Barbie, and a celebration fo-
the year barbie. I would like a
Game boy color Mary Kate-
Shly, Boom box, bike, scoter,
dirt bike, Barbie jeep, Make up
box, computer, C.D. player,

skates, playstain, Boom box
barbie Rock'n Roll house,
cloths, shoes.
From: Elizette Nuñez
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I was very good this year for
Christmas I would like all my
family there so they can be
happy together and we can
have a happy Christmas
your friend,
Alicia Treviño
Marry Christmas

Dear Santa,
Santa I wish I had a speacial
gift that I wanted I want a
Easy bake. That comes with
ligh Bulb. And the stuff like
donuts and I want a doll.
Love,
Tania Diaz

Dear Santa,
On chirtmas day I want you to
brain me a Bike some 64 tape
because we go roll My
Gremothr House we are going
to ride our bike on Chirtmas
and we are go to play My 64
On chirtmas that is the End of
My Notes
To: Santa
From: Tyrone Page

Dear Santa,
for chirtmas I would like a one
line inter net pc computer a
makeonthrual modorsicle my
dad PlayStation 2 and one
Last Thing a SKhotor Please
bring me that
Clive

Rosenwald Elementary

Ms. Ellison's Class

Dear Santa,
I've been a little bad in school
and a little Good. I wood like a
Present I wood like a Game
Boy and I won like sake brod
and a scooter.
Sincerely,
Christopher

Dear Santa,
I have been making good grades
on my spelling test, and on my

Math test. I have past to the
third grade I turn in all my
homework. I will like a
remocktroll trunk and a
scooter for a present.
Sincerely,
Michael Thompson

Dear Santa,
I would like to make a wish. I
wish that all the poor will get
lots of money. I would like for
my dog not to be cold in win-
ter. For my family I wish that
they have a blessed time. For
me all I want is hwat I have
now, my own Family.
Sincerely,
Alexis

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house
and give me a note while i'm
sleeping because I'm good and
when I say something nice I
get to make friends and thats
nice. Me and my grandmom
dream that one day I would
make the honor roll and my
dream come true because I
belive in my self. Once I made
the honor roll Santa I was
dreaming that in City Hall I
would say I have a dream! that
I would be here tonight to say
I wish I was mayor of this city.
But Santa on Christmas Eve
the most thing I want from
you is the joy and love! Merry
Christmas!
Sincerely,
Arkeria

Dear Santa,
I would like a CD of Britney
Spears. I would also want a
new jacket because it is so
cold. I would like a lot of toys
more. I have been good at
home and in school.
Sincerely,
Bianca Delafuente

Dear Santa,
I love your stuff I like to get a
game boy for chRismas and a
bike and a computr. Santa I
love you so much. Santa I've
been good every weekend. and
one more thing I have to tell
you that I miss you.
Sincerely,
Danny

Season's Greetings



The Palm Beach County Health Care District's Western Office Staff
Wishes You and Yours a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.



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Dear Santa,
like for Christmas is a racing
car, football suit, and a baby
doll. I been good girl.
Sincerely,
Patrice Collier

Dear Santa,
This year I just want a little
bit of present. I just want some
clothes, shoes, one bracelet, two
rings one baby doll, a nail kit,
a gold scooter, and my family to
be together.
Sincerely,
Markeria
P.S. I made six A's and two B's

Dear Santa,
On December 25 is my birth-
day on my birthday I want a
bike, neckles, and ring. My
mom said that you live in the
north pole and it is cold up
there. I wish that I can come
up there and visit you but I
don't have no way. In School
I've been so good. On every fri-
day I go in the treasure box if I
pass my spelling test. My
teacher is very nice to me. I
like school because I like to do
math.
Sincerely,
Jefaneikia

Dear Santa,
I have been an very good girl
in class. I get my work to
school on time when I'm
suppose to. I am a good Math
student. Am a very good read-
er. I love homework. Santa I
will like to have a bike and
some more things for christ-
mas. Every day I make A and
B on my tests.
Sincerely,
L'ekeyisia Smith

Dear Santa,
I hope you can come to my
house and give me a babydoll.
I was bening caught good today
and tell me how proud of me.
For Christmas I want a baby-
doll, a computer, and a game-
boy. Merry Christmas
Sincerely,
Latifah

Dear Santa,
I think you are a very good
man. I wish you will give me a
scooter and a game boy And I
wish you will give me books.
Sincerely,
Rick

Dear Santa,
First, I want to ask you some-
thing. What am I getting on
christmas. These are some thing
I've got in mire of knew pair of
shoes and a shooter.
Sincerely,
Cornelius

Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming up. I
want a lot of present for
Christmas. I want shoes,
clothes, a ankle bracelet, and a
bike. I am good in school, in
fact I made a good grade on
my math test.
Sincerely,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
how are you doing are you
doing fine? Santa are you
going to have a nice
Christmas. I'm having a nice
christmas. Christmas is going
to be good to me. I'm going to
have a fantastic Christmas. It
is going to be so good my mom
is going say put them toy away
I going to say give me a little
more time please mom. My
Christmas is going to be the
best.
Sincerely,
Le'Sheika

Dear Santa,
I would like to get something
for christmas. Because I like to
have lots of toys for christmas.
This is what I want. I want a
easy baker, skates and a bike.
I like to have a easy baker
because you can make lots of
cakes out of the foweller. You
can make all kinds of fowers
out of it. And you can have a
partry and make a cake.
Skates are fun to roller blazes
in because you can roller blaze
fast in them. You can hover a
big race with your friends. And
you can play around the park
with your skates!
A bike is fun to play with and
ride on. You can ride it in your
yard and play with your stuff
in your yard. You can race with
your friends.
What I want is a treat for me
Santa will give it to me to and
christmas is a speatl holiday
for everybody I love christmas.
Le'Coya Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like a nail kit and a
computer and a big doll.
I would like a nail Kit to do
my nail and color them. Why I
want a nail Kit to play nail
and do my friends nails. I
want It because it is good to do
nail.
Santa would you give me a
Computer So I can play game.
I want a computer so I play
Cord and Gold fish.
I would like Santa a big doll
So I can play with it. In I want
it to do hair. and why I want
it to play dolls.
Latesha

I Would like to have a My
size angle doll, a Nail Maker
and a DAcning Dabbie doll.
I want a My Size angle doll
because it is my size. It can wear a
dress With it you can hear you
can dance with it to.
I want a dressing sand
because it is fun to play with.
and I can dress and put rings
and braessles and Nandles on.
and I can Wear Shoes.
I want a Dancing Dabbie doll
because it can dance, and it
cantails and it has a head
phone with it you can sing
with it. it has different clothes.
These are the three thing I
want for christmas.
Quanteria Small

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for
Christmas I want Three wish
for Christmas I want 3 wish
shoes in some close in I want
some nels for Christmas.
This is some toys I want for
Christmas I want some babay
dolls in I want some games for
my 64. This is I want some
jump rope in a rhyme book help
you read in I want a whach.
This is want I what I want
realy baby in this is what I
want I want a bike in a new
baby doll house for my baby
dolls. in I want for toys I like
a quarter Book for Christmas in
I want a baby doll Phone to
talk to the baby doll on That
Phone in I want a born baby.
for Closing I like some Shoes
in some new teastoil in I want
some new Jeans.
Juanita Chastine

Dear Santa,
I would like to have so good
toys this year.
Santa I want this for
Christmas. I want a playstation
2 for Christmas. The reason I
want a playstation because it
have my favorite CD. My
favorite CD is Madden 2001.
Santa I want this for
Christmas. I want a free stilly
bike for Christmas. I want it
because I could ride around the
prak. I could ride it to stoe and
school.
Santa I want this for
Christmas. I want a 64 game. I
want a 64 game because it
have a No Mrrr game.
Dear Santa I was very good
this. I love you Santa Merry
Christmas.
Marvin

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a puchy-
name plate, and a polly club
house.
I would like to get a puchy for
christmas. I would like to get
a puchy because it is a rowbot
and I like rowbots. Another
reason I like puchy because I
can walk when I tell it to
walk. And It only reakt to my
voice.
I would like a name plate
because I never had one
Another reason is because I all
ways brack my other neckes
the are not a mane plate. My
final reason is so that I can
ware it to the football game.
My final toy is a roah, club
hons My reason to getting that
toy is tecowse it has a lot of
hiding place.
Another reason is that it is fun
to play with the Final reason
is that it is big.
I wish I could rely get these
toys.
Courtney

Dear Santa,
I ben good this hold year
gameboy, computer, Books.
This is what I want for christ-
mas santa Gameboy, computer,
Books.
Giles Keith Parson

Dear Santa,
I would like to get a bike,
game and computer because I
was a good student in class.
I would like to have a biek if I
go to the store I would ride my
bike. If I go to the store I
would ride my bike. If I go
some where I would ride my
bik. When I go to the park I
would take my bike.
I would like to have a game to
play. I could get only game tap.
I could take it to my grandma
house.
When I first get my computer I
will get on great games. I can
get games CD's. I can write
stores.
Dear Santa these are the three
things I will like for christmas.
Charkevius

Dear Santa,
I won't a play syon two and a
packy and a free silly bike
dedes.
I want some pines and a teddy
Bear and that all on this sterly
puchy.
I won't Some glasses for writ-
ing and a wrobok dog and cat
and bowlow seeds and blits
2000 two and somay seedes.
I want a ackers for christmas
and That's all I want for
christmas Santa and This all
on this story.
I won't a mock and stril car for
Christmas and a bulw low
seven and theft all I won't for
christmas steina good bye
stanta that alle
Sonia Moore

Dear Santa,
I would like to get toys
because I like the toys I see
sometimes.
This is one of the toys I saided
I want and it is the Kelly doll.
off of TV. This is why and it is
the Kelly doll of TV. This is
why I want the Kelly Doll
because it is beautiful, long
hairs and it sings.
I also want another toy and it
is a Barbie Cash Regenter
with a shopping card. I want
this because I like playing
store with my brother, and it
has a phone to talk on and
that's why I like it too.
I have one more toy to talk

about and it is My Real Baby.
This is why I want My Real
Baby because it moves like it
is real, it put it's foot in the air
and it has a bottle in it's
mouth.
Finally these are the wonder-
ful things I want.
Jameleahela

Canal Point Elementary

Ms. Jones' Class

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Beatrice
Joyner I live in pahokee
Florida. I want to tell you all
the things I would like for
Christmas.
First, I would like a outfit. I
would like a sam I am outfit. I
would like one because my sis-
ter has one and it is pretty.
Next, I would like a scooter
because it look like a nice toy
to play with. It is a toy that
the family can play with.
Last, I want my family to be
together for Christmas and be
happy. I want to give them a
present I hope they like the
present.
Thank you, Santa Clus
Love,
Beatrice Leanna Joyner

Canal Point Elementary

Ms. Wray's Class

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like a lit-
tle copy machine with paper. I
also want a typriter with
paper. I have been good all
year. Happy birthday! Have a
happy christmas. I also would
like some books.
Patricia Mata

Dear Santa,
I wish for Three things for
christmas. Let me tell you
them.
First Santa I want a finger-
nails set because I Love nails
and I want some because I
Like them because they are
very nice to wear on my nails

Happy Holidays



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please buy the for me.
Next Santa I would like a
brow Snakes Skin Outfit and
some brown boots to go with it.
I Like Snakes Skin can you get
it for me because I love it all.
Last I would like a gift for the
whole School can get one for
first, grade, second, third,
fourth, fifth, and six grade
Tusharna Alexander

Dear Santa,
I Wish to have some games
about football and basketball
for n64. I wish my mom and
dad buy me some presents and
I Wish I had alot of toys.
Rudy Gomez

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I would like
For Christmas I get a new bike
and a gameboy and sater and
a N64. a gift For my sister B-
day too. I would also like some
shoes. and neckale a FuBu
shirt.
Stephen Johnson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like
shoes, sets of earrings and
boxes of Crayons.
Rasia Henry

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl so
Santa how are you Merry
Christmas Santa I wanted a
Sunter so long and a bicycle,
a pair of shoes and so clothes
and a bedtime story and a
baby doll, and a darning debbi
and I will like a game.
Desiree Alexander

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of roller
blades and two dolls. then I
jewelry and a wated for
Christmas.
D'Ariane Williams

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like a
bike, a sketer, a sega dream-
cast, a playstation 2 and 9,
a computer, a race car, a TV,
and a radio. A new car for my
mom. and for my sister a car-
too. And for my other sister
money for her ticket. And for
my neffue a motor cross game.
And my brother a car and a
tape with it cause he likes
music.
Gavin Lesly Anderson

Dear Santa,
Cerdo SantaClas cierto que
me regales juguetes y ropa y
zapatos y lo que tu quieras pero
conquistara-ciero que me
regales cosas de donde bengas
pero tambien no mas a mi
pero tambien a my hermano y
a mys primo pero como clero
me has a traer juguetes saclos
ciero tambien que me tra-
gas unos columpios y una
alberca para poder nadar y
jugar en los columpios con mis
ermanos pero yo boy a pasar a
mis hermanes el que a penas
he naser apena esta die cun-
do bieno santoclos y lo boy a
cuidar a los tres y dñe me
boy separ de ninguno de los
tres pero pero tambien quiero
que se puse todad bien mis
amigas en todas falises de
que estan nabidad y ciero se la
puren con tus juguetes, felises y
naca se de separ de sus
juguetes y tambien cuidalo con
sus hermanes y cuidalos
muchos como yo ciero y mis
hermanos ya a mis cosas y si yo
tubiera cosas de nino yo a
emprastara cosas.
Jessica Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like a
telescope. I would also would
like a typirter to wries letters to
frenda.
I would like tommy new cles
and some new addies shoe and
A puppy that is all I would
like for christmas.
Nomay Tesvilio

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for
christmas clothes, Rocket the
wonder dog, Makeup Mindy,
Ice cream bar factory,
Computer, neckless, ring,
Christmas books, Cirl things,
My size butterfly, Backet,
Goose, teletubbies, Basketball
boys tape, Britney spire tale,
Monopoly Junior, Scramble
Junior, Play money, Type
writer. That's all.
Norma Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the
north pole with your sleve
working at the shop? Let me
make a list of things I would
like for christmas a sketer,
play station 2, the rock action
figer, and a mountain bike,
1,000 dollars, monopoly jr,
Scrabble Jr., tommy hilt figer
clothes, a computer with win-
dows 96 and higher and that's
what I would like for chris-
mas
Jorge Eparza

Dear Santa,
Know what I would like for
Christmas. First, I would like
for Christmas is a CD player
with CDs. Next, What I would
like for Christmas is a skooter.
Then, I would like is a billion
of dolls and ted bears. Last I
would like for christmas is a
poch. If you get me all these
toys I list down I'll give you a
big kiss
Shirkara

Dear Santa,
I would like mean frog leaf,
and a bike, and some clothes,
and thats all I like for chris-
mas, and thats all I get.
Shantol Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a bake and some toys
and my dad want neckless and
a earring and my mom want a
earring and a neckless and I
want a neckless and a earring
and my sister give her a brater
and my brother give him a
cuppier and give my family
give them anything
Maria Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I had been a good girl. This is
what I would like for
Christmas. I would like a soc-
car a brabrie radio, a coputer,
a barbie pool, and a canna.
Vernemetrice Holmes

Dear Santa,
First, I would like a scooter and
a toy motorcoid and a pupa
and a tekno. I want a racing
car and a flashlight
Next I would like a bike and
some shoes and clothes.
third I would like a racing car
and a flashlight
last I want a scooter a puce a
tekno and a biker does and
shoes racing car flashlight
Damaron J Walker

Pahoekie Elementary

Mrs. Pringle's Class

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter for you
to let you know what I want
for Christmas. I want a barbie
doll, a Playstation, a monster
truck, and two more things a
box of crayons and a arset
Your friend,
Joyneisha Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want you to come to my
house to give me some toys. I
want a scooter, a football set,
a dirt bike and a big tv for my
bedroom. I also want some
books to read. I love to read
books
Your friend,
Eddie Daniels

Dear Santa,
I wish you would come advist
me. It's a happy time when it
is Christmas. My last name is
Decembre. I hope you are hav-
ing a good day. I am hoping
you will bring me a Barbie doll
and a computer. Have a merry
christmas. Kiss Mrs. Santa
claus for me.
Your friend,
Mylica Decembre

Dear Santa,
Here are some things I want
from Santa. I hope I get a bike
and two tapes called NoMercy
and Madden 2001 and a bas-
ketball and a football.
Your friend,
Ahmad Abrams

Dear Santa,
It is almost christmas. My
favorite time of the year. So I
will tell you what I would like.
I want a nintendo-sixty four.
Thats what I want.
Your friend,
Gilberto Paulia

Dear Santa,
You are my best Friend. I
Know that you will say that
I'm your best Friend so I love
you am I will always love you.
And I will celebrate For you. I
went you to get me a nintendo
64. Some Jordans sneekers
and a remote controlled car. I
love you
Your friend,
Doral Fields

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house. I
love you so much because you
give us presents. You are spe-
cial to me because I love you. I
wish you would give me a
puppy for Christmas.
Your friend,
Maria Garcia

Dear Santa,
It's almost christmas I will
tell you what I want for christmas I
want a game boy with three
games, and I would like a Go
cart for christmas. This is
what I want for christmas.
Your friend,
Ricardo Haro

Dear Santa,
Santa claus is coming to town
to give our presents to the kids
that are nice and that leave
him some cookies with milk. I
want you to bring me a game
boy Chaser. The chaser is red.
Your friend,
Cassandra Herrera

Dear Santa,
How is it at the South Pole. I
want to come and visit you up
there in the snow. Also I want
to see the elves and Mrs.
Santa Claus. I am wishing for
a Game Boy game and a new
bike.
Your friend,
Markeshia Lawler

Dear Santa,
I want to tell you What I want
for Christmas. I want a Game
Boy, and a bike. That is all I
want for Christmas. Have a
happy Christmas Day.
Your friend,
Israel Lerma

Dear Santa,
Here are some things I want
for Christmas only if I make
good grades. First I want a
scooter, a suitcase that looks
like a bookbag. Last I want is
a suitcase full of clothes.
Your friend,
Antivia Mikian

Dear Santa,
I want some new shoes for
Christmas. Also, a football so I
can play football with my
friends. I played football yester-
day with my friends. My
brothers wants a new remote
control car.
Your friend,
Curtis Mitchell

Dear Santa,
Here are some things I want
for christmas only if I make
good grades. First, I want a
nail salon. Next, I really want
is a Hush Little Baby Last I
have to have is a game boy.
These are the three thing I
really want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kenisha Marvin

Dear Santa,
christmas is almost here I
can't wait till it comes. I have
been a good girl and I made
honor roll in school. I want a
cotton candy maker and some
Finger nail stuff
Your friend,
Tatiyana Pringle

Dear Santa,
It is almost Christmas. I hope
you didn't forget. Because it is
my favorite day of the year.
For Christmas I want a boy
not girl Dalmation puppy.
Because dalmations are my
favorite Kind of dogs and boy
An I love dogs. The other thing
I want is a Dovernman puppy
and it has to be a boy one. The
reason I want a Dovernman is
because they're really tough at
fighting. Now these Are all the
things I want for Christmas
until next year when I think of
something else I want.
Your friend,
Alan Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Santa I hope you come by my
house on Christmas. I want a
four Wheeler for Christmas,
and I want a dreamcast for
Christmas.
Your friend,
Carttavius Robinson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing
fine. Can you give me a gift for
Christmas? Christmas is one
of my favorite holiday. All the
holiday any fun but I love
Christmas. Tell Mrs. Santa
Claus that I Said hi and that I
Said merry christmas. Can
you pet your reindeers for me.
Will I have to say by-by Merri
christmas.
Your friend,
Margarita Rosiles

Dear Santa,
It's almost Christmas and I
want some things For
Christmas. I want five things.
I want a silver and gold
Mongoose, a NoMercy tape
that goes with nintendo 64,
and one more thing is my ring
and necklase. On my First
report card I had all B's.
Your friend,
Matthew Simpson

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me some-
thing for christmas. I want
some skate and some gold stuff
for Christmas. Please bring me
some new clothes.
Your friend,
Rokeria Yerrg

Dear Santa,
Christmas is my favorite holi-
day I want you to go in my
house so you can bring me a
present. I would like to have a
playstation 2. I can have fun
on my playstation 2. Happy
Holiday
Your friend,
Michael Denard Williams

Dear Santa,
I hope you come by my house
and give my mother two gifts
and my father one gift. First,
give my mom a bracelet and or
necklase. Please give my
Father a new car. Santa I wish
I could see you. I want a
remote control car.
Your friend,
Robert Williams

Gove Elementary

Ms. Soriano's Class

Dear Santa,
I want a nutened 64 a gooden
wach. My nutened 64 has a
cachols. My goodes wach has
dancers.
Sincerely,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I wish you era cuming to my
house. Ef you do I geva cookies
to you. And plece can you
geve me a game boy color and
a god wuch and a radio. marry
christmas to yuo.
love,
Armando

Dear Santa,
I want a scottor four Chrimsi
it look like a Bikesicle the
wills are Blue and it has four
wills and it has two handols.
The send Preisen is a Puch
Because the PooH is alumsn
like a real dog the ears are
difrent colors the color I want
is Blue Because Blue is a love-
ly color
Love,
Marta

Dear Santa,
Heres my wishes I don't want
much but I do want a brand
new powch for I can have fun
when I'm sick and their also
pritty. Clothes Like bellthobes
and some unaform for school.
And what every you. want to
get me. But one thing I mostly
want is to be with my family
pleas.
Sincerely,
Dominique Tosado

Dear Santa,
I want a Scottor for christmas
it looks like a Scatboard but,
a Scottor has a handel in stead.
the coler I want it is red.
Your dear friend,
Jennifer Woods

Dear Santa,
I wish for a Scottor because it
can take you everywhere. It has
hule was and a black geap. I
think that splap pest could be
mine.
Sincerely,
Gabrielle

Dear Santa,
I wish four daugen ballz toys
and scooby-Doo toys to o and
santa place to care of my fami-
ly. Scooby-Doo wuth be on a
pogosteke and the dragon ballz
to wuth Lake like if it had blue
pance and blue shuarie.
Love always,
Juan V

Dear Santa,
I wantn't for chrimas is a niten-
do game and it is called
Pokemon Sadeom because you
fight in the game. The careter
is named Carzard and he
throws fire. The game only cost
\$69.99. Onther thing I
wantn't is a game boy color
Because you get to play a lot of
games. The only game I wantn't
is called game boy silver. The
game is little and cool. the
game cost \$49.99 That is why
I like the game that wrote on
the paper.
Your friend,
Juan Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a pokeman gold version
For gameboy color a game-
shark For fang boy.
Sensurely,
Jerriot Schott McGhee

Dear Santa,
I wish for a weinni the pooh
toy Because weinni the pooh is
my favorite toy. Ilke weinni
the pooh.Because He is cute.
He have to orange little ears
and one fazy nose. Fanally,
weinni the pooh is what I want
For chrimas.
Sincerely,
your friend Janette
Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I wish for only one things is a
colle. I want a colle becues I
always wanted a dog like
lase. If you can seasa I want
her to be White and black and
brown.
Sincerely your friend,
Ines Velasco

Dear Santa,
I would rely like you to come
please santa give me a, silver
sKooter with red wheels that
cost \$39.99. Wate Santa I
even want a scoody doo toy it
is very seon for Me and my
brother would like that.
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I wish it will shon and I want
a lgo wach ag gell necklase. first,
Because I loo car, of gold is
hard. Last And bhanyer then
every. Also, When it show. Frist,
I will Play snow ball. Last, We
like my ply cousin will go snow
slede.
Love,
Antonio



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Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl so I'm going to tell you What I want for Christmas I want an computer, ice cream maker, laptop, and some skates. The reason I want those things is because I have always wanted an laptop and an cputer for Christmas but I never got them. I want Skates because I have some but there not working good That is What I want. Your friend,
Jasmine Burroughs

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school and talk to people right. for chrmas I wanted a bike and a tv. for me and I can put it in my room and the other thing that what I wanted is some clothes for my cousend and me but I wanted some painted like five par. and Marry CrisMas Your friend,
Cristain Morales

Dear Santa,
I have been a excellent little girl thow the hole month. I would like to have a few thing like a bike, computer and a body dall for my little sister. I want these thing because I want to Learn every thing on my computer and ride my bike every were. Happy marry Crismas Your friend,
Shanique Burks

Dear Santa,
I'm going to tell you what I want for christmas, I'm getting good grades in school. I would like a CH tape and a controller, a tape Player, to controler race cars too. I would really like a puppy for christmas also. Your friend,
John Fifer

Dear Santa,
I wish That a get a bike, and a babyball, rollers blade, and par of shoes, and a hundres light bulb from my edy baker. That and stuger and but pared and the thing it spende around and It come coran canda Your friend,
Hanika Huggins

Dear Santa,
I would want a rolle bookbag, some bikes, and some pencils because I like very I like it so much cause I like to have this things. Your friend,
Baudeline

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Let me tell you what I want for christmas. I want a game boy with Spiderman and rugrats. I want a scooter and a bike. I want the X-men set. Your friend,
Derrious Thomas

Dear Santa,
I Love Santa because he get papet toys and bikes, and a can to popel houes and get pizing at popel houes he get game to Play on TV, game to Play outsid get my puppy. Your friend,
Liemick

Dear Santa,
I ben Good with The People. I like a bike in a babydoll in a ball For chrmas in a coupler I like Fluor Stuff. In lot of clohe in shoes I like a TV. in a big bear and I like a Water bed. my room and the other thing that what I wantend is same cvotes for my baby brother. happy chrmas Your friend,
Yonai Reynosa

Dear Santa,
When chrismas come up I Want you to get me a bike a game and a TV too. Whe you bring meal that I will give you something, it's going to be a present. you are going to be so suprise. Your friend,
Darrell

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year I wish I have a train deation with real smoke and it goes fast. Your friend,
Susan

Dear Santa,
I am happ because christmas is coming up then I will Get a lot of stuff This year in my brother will Give me a lot of stuff in my mom will get me A lot of stuff Your friend,
Johnathan

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl for you. This is What I won't for christmas I won't a growing barbie and I would like to have a nail set, a name play nicklate. That is all I won't for chrismas. Your friend,
Laralisha

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of toys for Christmas first, I want a bike next, I want a scooter Finally, I want a grow up baby This is what I want Your friend,
Keldra

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, I am doing fine, would you bring me a bike and a ring for Christmas, the reason why I want these thing because I sometime be good, it Just they get on nose. If you could bring me a bike and a ring I would show you that I could be the one you want. Your friend,
Consuela Davis

Belle Glade Elementary

Ms. Barran's Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Sandrea Daniel. I want you to pretty Please make my whole class be good to Mrs Barran every day in School Please. And what I want for christmas is an easy Baker. It is something like For a child to cook real Food. Your friend,
Sandrea Daniel

Dear Santa,
This is what I wish I have up under my christmas tree I wish I had a scooter in a Radio-barby house in a barby dream house with baby doll. Cloth in baby doll's in I wish to have a basketball in some new clothes For more in a new bicycley with red and purple writing with a horais on it. that is what I wish For. Your friend,
Terri Lynn Horner

Dear Santa,
I wild like a nicie mom and a nicie dad pless Santa I need it. ho and Mard a Mike Serto for my friend, and a Bike for me and a play broe for my sister and for My Borguers he wast a seatr for my Borguers and My nesice I write to give har a Bersay. Your friend,
Argelia Aguirre

Dear Santa,
I would like to share with you my christmas wish list. I would like a scooter for christmas. I would also like to have a computer. I would like a pair of Skate board. Thank you for my Prices. Your friend,
Dennisha

Dear Santa,
I would like a bag of marbles and a portible TV. I will be so happy if you could give me those things I want for christmas. Your friend,
Juan Vital

Dear Santa,
Here is My Christmas Wish list. On christmas I Will Like you to bring me a bike and a game With Some games set and I will like a computer and I will like you to get my sister co dolls and my baby botherabi mihger Your friend,
Michael Hunter

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike for christmas and I been so good I would like a remote control car and I want some toys for christmas. Your friend,
Jose Alba

Dear Santa,
This year for christmas I would like a computer. I would like a bike a bike and roller skates. Three pairs of shoes. Tree winter outfits. A white puppy But.

What I want the most is my dad. Mom brothers and sisters to have a very joyous christmas. My family in Mexico and in Your friend,
Mayra Gomez

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa I Will Wish for a lot of toy from you Santa I Will Wish for a Hart which if you give it to Santa I will love it a lot my sible Will like to look at all of my toy Santa. We all love you to be the best one toys boy sister an I love you. Your friend,
Maunthcoha

Dear Santa,
I would like to share with you my Wish list for Christmas. My mom would like a necklace I would like a gray Fluffy dog For christmas My mom's birthday is on christmas day, she never get on christmas on christmas This year I and my dad are going to buy her a necklace for her birthday. I think I am going to buy her a necklace for her birthday. If you can not get it for me Santa thanks you Santa for getting the things you can Your friend,
Travis Bell

Dear Santa,
My name is Marcus and I would like a game named Dreamcast and a freestly and a scooter. I left some cookies and milk. for you on Christmas eve. Your friend,
Marcus

Dear Santa,
This is your friend Alanda Would you ring a present to me because my mom will not buy me anything. She says I have to be hottes in School. Santa can bring presents for my edly when I din good. I seen Santa when I was going to bed. When I seen him he went throw are chimbley. I told my mom that he was here Your friend,
Alanda Ray Show Jr

Pahokee Elementary

Ms. Moore's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like something special For Christmas. A play station New frogger, a game boy, a computer with Games on it. The cootie Game, a mario Nintendo, a cotten candy maker, the Diva store dolls, a bicycle, a Magic genie bottle, scooby-Doo watch, a scooby-Doo Bear. My mom would like a fountain with water and it could sing and a girl tech active voice. Your friend,
Carlie Mae Taylor

Dear Santa,
I like christmas. It is a time for giving. I would like a Computer For Christmas. It would help me with my home work. I would also like a bike to ride with my friends, and a barbie doll car to out run my cousin barbie doll car. and I want a baby doll that moves like a real baby. Your friend,
Ednisha McCall

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. First, I would like 3 gameboy tapes. The name are Toy story, Mario land and Tetrix. Next, I would like a Sega Dream cast for my and my brother. Finally, I would like a hop scotch baby doll. Because it can talk. Your friend,
Maria Marin

Dear Santa,
These are some of the things I want for christmas. I would like two napan an to giggle pets. And I would like some games like crash and WWF Smack down: I would be very happy if I could get a bike with pegs on it. I like Silver pegs. I would like some clothes Also, especially some shoes. Your friend,
Sylvia Cotto

Dear Santa,
I Want Something for christmas and I thought you could get it for me. I would like a computer because my sister took my other computer. I would also like a guinea pig because I never had one. I hope I can get these presents. and one other thing Santa I would like for my mom is a job because right now She doesn't have any work. Love,
Jackie McMullen

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. Here in Florida it does not snow like it does at the North Pole. Now lets get to what I want. I would love to get a Barbie cashier and a little something for my mom she would love to get a perfume. My brother would like a dreamcast. My dad would like a computer for his office. And one more thing I would like for christmas is the Mickey Christmas Holiday and Fantasy 2000. That is what I would like for Christmas. To: Santa
From: Elena Damian
The List of what I would like.

Dear Santa,
I would like something different for Christmas this year. I would like some clothes and shoes and a bike to ride on christmas morning. I would also like a remote control car with a charger in it. And most of all I would like a c.d. player with a sound system. And I would like a special thing for my mom because she is so kind to me. These are the things I want for Christmas. Your best friend,
Xavier Coleman

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie doll house, with all of the furniture with clothes and shoes. for a barbie doll. I would also like a Computer for Chrismas. A doll car. a barbie doll. New clothes and shoes for me and I would also like new Skates. size 4 for my skates. Your friend,
Raina Bastion

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you What I Want for christmas. First I Want a game boy and I Want crash game on My game boy. Next I Want a remote control car and I Want a dirt bike. Why I is called a dirt bike because it is made for dirt riding. Those are The three thing I I Want for Christmas. Your friend,
Christopher Humphrey

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer for christmas and a Big Bear I want a Big Bag of Candy I want a cat for my mom and a dog for my dad. Your friend,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
I been good all year. I Want for Chrismas is a computer. It will help me on my work. I Want a nitcholoon digital clock for Waking me up and YOMEGAYOYO for Chrismas. These are the things I Want for Christmas. Your friend,
Dagoberto

Dear Santa,
I would like Something special for christmas. I'm not really sure what I want. I want a Mario gameboy tape from you. Then I want a computer. I could do all my school work on it. And if I don't get me a Barbie cash register, will you bring it to me for christmas. I want my mom to get a pant and a fit. And I want my dad to get a Big toy truck. And I want my dad to get a fit. I want you to get my sister a Barbie cash register. Your friend,
Labertha Smith

Dear Saptia,
I want a go cart for Christmas. I also want a four wheeler. If you have a game boy I would like one of those also. I would like a dog. I would like a brown girl dog. I would like some shoes and some new clothes. Your friend,
Vanessa Hill

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer for christmas. I'd like some roller blades and a remote control car. I would like a Boppit extreme or any kind dinosaurs. I would like a Basket Ball and a game boy crayola of mario Plays football. I want an insector. Its a little car that turns into a bug. I Want a connect four game and a big box of lagos. Love,
Julian Cardenas

Dear Santa,
I want a yo-yo, go-cart, nintendo 64, poodie, big truck, and a computer thats all I want for Christmas. Love,
Randy Virgil

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things you gave to me and I love you very much. This is what I want for Christmas this year. First, I want pretty clothes. I love pretty clothes. Next, I want pretty shoes that match with my clothes. Then I want two dolls name Dancing Debbie and Amazing Ally. Also I want some bath straw- berry surf. Family, I want some real jewel and make up stuff and lip gloss. Your friend,
Courtney Kendall

Dear Santa
From Tierra
I would like you to bring me a bike and a Eassey Baker because I like to bake thing and I like for Christmas year before last and I had a great time baking cake and I even baked some cupcake and my mom oned me to bake her a chocolate cake with spicit and Santa I want you to bring me the Beria Doll with the Big house that go wit it and I want all the thing that go with it and I would like you to bring me some rollet black because don't you know I love to skate because it is fun to. It seem fun to ride a score because you don't get to do all that peddling only you got to push and this is all I want for Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus
I would like for you to bring me four things for Christmas. The first presented I would like to have is a dancing doddle and a poo-chi dog. The Next thing is a computer for I can learn now to do my math better. The four presented is a real baby doll. That what I would like for you to bring me for Christmas.
Matrinkia Bouie

Dear Santa
I've been a very good girl this year. When you come on Christmas night would you please bring me a little play station with 4 games smack-down, Barbie car game, and Road Rash. And Santa when you come on Crismas night my stocking is the dog with a little big of spot on her face. Santa's Special Friend
Mercedes Gavins

Dear santa
You are a good and know what you can get me for Christmas is but you can't tell no body it is a playstation two, Freestlie bike with pads and the last is a scooter that's what I want for chrismas and also the last thing is a twistier motor with cars and that's what I want for chrismas.
By Desmond Moreland

Dear Sant
I love for you to come to my house of Christer and you will buy me some toy for Christer Paster and I will buy you one toy. You can be your bees Christen Paster and you can caper it to you dry and I will sill love you so much and I hope you love me to and my big brother and my little brother and my mom and my grandma and my Antea and my best frister too. I love you Sant you love me yes or no Sant my name is Melissa Bailey

Dear Santa
would you please give me a lot of toys so then I can be very happy and I want some race cars and some games with NFL blitz 2001 or can you give me a modle toy car so I can have a lot of toy car modle collection and I do love them a lot with my games if I get.
Khiris Pantela

Dear Santa
Can you bring me a new bicyc- le, a racing car and a game boy color. I want my Mother to buy a playstation, a playstation game and a dvd player. can you get a playstation any- way because I think she will not buy it. I hope you reindeer has alot of energy to run because they will have alot of rusing.
Fraser Dwayne

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I am in Mrs. Moore's 3rd grade class and I have been good for her to. So that is why I am asking you to bring me something for Christmas. I want a scooter. I want some chocolate candy for my mom and dad. I ant a baby doll for my little sister. I want some clothes for new shoes for myself. I will be waiting. Please bring it to me. Your friend,
Diego Caballero

Christmas Trivia



• The first instrument on which the carol "Silent Night" was played was a guitar. The carol was first sung as part of a church service in Oberndorf, Austria. The unusual choice of guitar for the accompaniment rather than the traditional church organ has given rise to a number of picturesque stories (the organ bellows had been damaged by mice; the organ had been sabotaged, etc.), but in fact it was simply a matter of preference on the part of the author, Joseph Mohr.

• In Guatemala, Christmas Day is also celebrated on December 25, as in America. Guatemalan adults, however, do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day. Children get theirs (from the Christ Child) on Christmas morning.

• Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in 1895. The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles.

• The Good King Wenceslas was actually only a Duke of Bohemia, not a king. He lived in the tenth century.

• Medieval English Christmas pantomimes did NOT include which St. Nicholas. In medieval England, Nicholas was just another saint - he had yet not metamorphosed into Santa Claus and had nothing to do with Christmas.

• In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts use shoes.

Dutch children set out shoes to receive gifts any time between mid-November and December 5, St. Nicholas' birthday.